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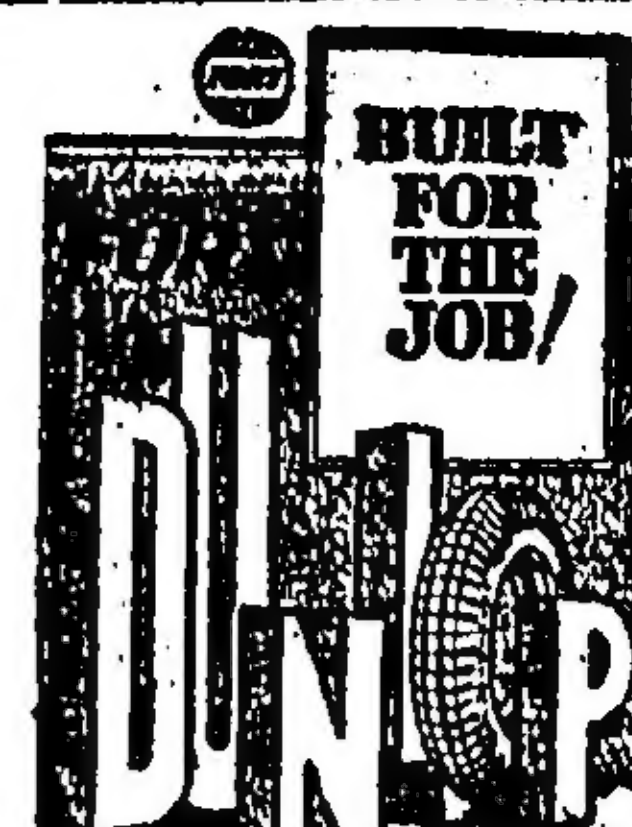
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ECHO OF CARLISLE EXPRESS CRASH.

Driver Charged with Manslaughter.

COLLAPSE IN COURT.

London, Yesterday.
A Coroner's jury at Carlisle returned a verdict of manslaughter against John Eskdale, the driver of the express which was derailed on January 3, when three persons were killed and 20 injured.

Eskdale collapsed on hearing the verdict, and was committed for trial on a Coroner's warrant, bail being allowed.

It was alleged that Eskdale was driving at a dangerous speed at the curve.—Reuter.

Coroner and Road Accidents.
The inquest on the three victims of the Edinburgh-London express disaster was opened at Carlisle on January 25.

The dead were: Janet Haworth (35), wife of the stationmaster at Clapham, Yorkshire; Robert Stewart, employed in the L.N.E.R. engineers' office, Edinburgh, of Dundas Street, Grange-muir, Stirlingshire; and Richard Cummings (43), a platelayer, of Langland's Bank, Hawick.

Over twenty were injured and six were detained at the local hospital, including the two sons, aged fourteen and eleven, of Mrs. Haworth.

The train was the express leaving Waverley Station, Edinburgh, at noon on a Saturday. When it entered the sharp curve in the line less than a mile north of Carlisle Station the engine jumped the rails and plunged down into the slag and cinders forming the embankments. Three coaches were dragged down this embankment on top of the half-buried engine and two were telescoped.

The Coroner (Mr. T. S. Strong), who sat with a jury, said he wished to express to the relatives of the dead profound sympathy in their bereavement and the hope that those who had been injured would have a speedy recovery.

Big Railway Centre.

"This disaster comes as a great blow to our city," he said. "Hitherto we have been proud of our immunity from serious railway accidents within the borders of the city. This is all the more remarkable because there are no fewer than seven different railway systems converging in our station, and two main lines of express traffic from north to south carry through our city every day and every night many thousands of people."

"It speaks volumes for the care which the railway employees exercise in their duties when I say that during the many years I have acted as coroner of this city I could count on the fingers of one hand the deaths that I have inquired into arising from railway traffic accidents within the city. To some this disaster may cause anxiety as to the safety of railway travelling, but it must be borne in mind that I hold as many inquests on deaths from motor traffic in the course of a few months as I have held on victims of railway accidents during the whole of my tenure of office as coroner."

"In this case, by a very singular coincidence, two of the victims whose deaths we are here to inquire into were themselves railway employees."

"Of course very exhaustive inquiries will have to be made as to whether there was any defect in the permanent way or in the train itself, or whether there was any failure of duty on the part of any of the human elements concerned."

PICKPOCKET LEARNER!

An audacious young pickpocket, Yick Shiu-ying, was brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton in the Kowloon Police Court this morning, and charged with stealing a fountain pen from Tsui Hon-nam in Pelho Street.

When arrested accused informed the Police officer that he had only just learned to pick pockets, and that he had made a "haul" of two fountain pens on the previous day. He was ordered to receive six strokes of the cane.

MORE TROUBLE IN COALFIELDS.

Objection to Spreadover Being Continued.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

London, Yesterday.
More trouble in the coalfields is expected as a result of the miners' delegate to the conference to-day refusing to sanction the continuance beyond the end of March of the system known as a "spreadover of hours," whereby the miners work 90 hours a fortnight, as it best suits local conditions, instead of the fixed a seven and a half hour day.

Three months ago, in spite of the ban by the Miners' Federation, South Wales, Scotland, and other districts decided to favour the "spreadover" because they feared that a reduction of wages would be demanded by employers if the "spreadover" were not adopted.

The same position will recur unless Government or legislative action is secured to protect the miners' wages.

To-day's conference instructed the executive to get into touch with the Government on the matter.

Strike in France?

Douai, Yesterday.
There is a possibility of a coal strike in France towards the end of the month, because the owners want to cut wages.

The Government is now conferring with the miners and mine owners.—Reuter.

EXPRESS TRAGEDY.

TEN PASSENGERS KILLED IN FRENCH COLLISION.

RAN INTO GOODS TRAIN.

Etampes, Yesterday.
Ten persons are reported to have been killed and 50 injured when an express from Paris to Bordeaux collided with a goods train near here to-day.—Reuter.

Experts Puzzled.

Later.
Experts are puzzled as to the cause of the accident. The express was practically through the station when two rear coaches inexplicably jumped the rails and dashed against a stationary train alongside. The express was able to proceed with uninjured and some slightly injured passengers, after the wrecked tail had been detached.—Reuter.

SIR CHARLES ELIOT.

IMPRESSIVE SERVICE HELD IN TOKYO.

JAPANESE TRIBUTES.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
A simple but impressive service was held this morning at the English church in memory of Sir Charles Eliot, who died at sea on March 16 en route to Britain. Baron Shidehara, who was a close personal friend of Sir Charles Eliot and a large number of other high Japanese dignitaries and British and other foreign diplomats attended.

Striking tributes to Sir Charles Eliot both as a diplomat and a scholar appeared in the vernacular papers, and real regret was expressed at the passing of such a staunch supporter of British-Japanese friendship.—Reuter.

\$8 AT STAKE.

ALLEGATION AGAINST TEACHER AND STUDENT.

Pun Sik-lung (41), a teacher in the Yau-mat Government School, and Cheung Chi-hoi, a student, were brought before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning charged with conspiracy to cheat the Government of \$8 in money.

The Colonial Treasurer was set out as complainant on the charge sheet.

His Worship remanded the case for a week, accused being granted bail of \$100 each.

GOLD RUSH SCENES IN MEXICO.

Prospector's Discovery of "Ali-Baba's Cave."

OVER 1,600 CLAIMS STAKED.

New York, Yesterday.
A stampede has been in full swing 100 miles north east of Mazatlan since a prospector tumbled upon what is believed to be Ali Baba's Cave. It was first discovered by the notorious bandit, Heracleo Bernal, in the days of Diaz, who used to bring the raw gold into the towns without disclosing the source of supply.

Prospectors are attacking the quartz rocks with hunting knives and have already staked 1,600 claims around the mountain streams. So far they have dug out 1200 lb. of gold.—Reuter's American Service.

Mazatlan is a seaport town in Mexico, on the West coast, and is a centre of distribution (supplying almost all the towns and mining camps in the state of Sinaloa), and the most frequented port on this coast. It has an extensive trade with the United States, and largely exports gold and silver coin and bullion.]

JAPANESE DETAIN FRENCH FLIERS.

Penalty for Taking the "Forbidden Route."

WARNED BY EMBASSY.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The authorities have telegraphed to Seoul their regret at the necessity of detaining the French fliers, and hope that after investigation they will be able to allow them to continue to Tokyo, but probably not before March 21. It seems that the fliers were previously warned several times through the French Embassy against taking the Moppo route, owing to its being a fortified area.

Earlier News.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The French airmen, Burtin and Moench, hopped off at 5.30 this morning for Japan, on the final stage of Paris-Tokyo flight.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Press despatches from Korea report that the authorities ordered the detention of the aeroplane of the French fliers on arrival at Seoul which they reached at 2.26 p.m., as the fliers took the Moppo route, which was not permitted, instead of the Mukden route which had been sanctioned.—Reuter.

CONFUSING RULES.

SUMMONS AGAINST CAR OWNER.

Mr. C. C. Stark, manager of the Vacuum Oil Company, was this morning summoned before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court for having driven his motor car in Queen's Road Central on March 5 at 9.15 p.m. without a properly trimmed lamp.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for the defence, and tendered a plea of "Not Guilty."

Sub-Inspector Nicoll said that the defendant's car was parked outside the City Hall. The outside headlight was in working order, but the near side lamp was off and appeared to be lit, owing to a reflection from a light in the S.O.C.O.N.Y. motor filling station.

Mr. Armstrong said that two lights were only to show the width of a car, and that defendant's car could not comply with the regulations, yet the Police licensed it.

Inspector Nicoll intimated that motor cycles carried one lamp, whilst motor cars carried two.

Mr. Armstrong said that the Inspector seemed to be involved with Sections 107 and 108, and did not realise that they were entirely different. One stated that a lamp had to be carried so as to provide adequate means of the vehicle's approach, whilst the other section stated that a car had to carry two lighted lamps so as to indicate its width.

His Worship agreed with Mr. Armstrong that the application and the summons as they stood were not under the rules. The summons was accordingly withdrawn.

ROCKED BY SERIES OF EARTHQUAKES.

Million Pesos Damage in Philippines.

FEW CASUALTIES.

Manila, Yesterday.
A series of earthquakes rocked the Philippines from Aparri to Jolo yesterday.

The greatest damage was caused at Ilocos Norte, where churches, convents, and Government buildings are reported to have been destroyed.

The most disastrous shock occurred at 2.25 in the afternoon. Several persons are reported to have been injured but none is dead.

The damage is estimated at several million pesos.—Reuter.

Shortly before 2.30 p.m. yesterday, an earthquake shock was felt here. The Royal Observatory seismograph showed that the shock was recorded at 2h. 26min. 50secs. The greatest amplitude on the record was 56 millimetres—not a very severe shock. It was judged that the origin was about 300 miles to the north-west of the Colony.

PROMINENT AIRMEN KILLED.

Three Italian "Aces" in Fatal Crash.

ITALIA DISASTER HERO.

Pisa, Yesterday.
Three of Italy's most prominent airmen, who participated in the recent formation flight to South America, were killed in a crash to-day two miles at sea. They are: Colonel Maddalena, Captain Cocconi, and Engineer Lieutenant Damonte.

Col. Maddalena led the relief expedition in 1928 which found part of the crew of the airship Italia.

INDIAN DEFENDS OUR POLICY.

No Surrender of British Prestige.

FATE OF GANDHI

London, Yesterday.
Lord Irwin has weathered a bigger storm than India has known since the Mutiny, declared the Maharajah of Burdwan in a speech at London to-day.

Defending the British policy in India, he denied that British prestige had surrendered and expressed the opinion that Gandhi's movement would either end in swallowing up Gandhi or in Gandhi dissociating himself from it.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

London, Yesterday.
The probability of Mr. Snowden re-imposing the tea duty for the next Budget is voiced in the Daily Mail, which discloses that some importers and packers have engaged extra warehouse accommodation to increase their stocks, whilst some wholesalers have advised their customers to buy freely and immediately.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.
The Times, in a leader on the Chinese Budget, says that Dr. T. V. Soong admitted that foreign lenders will not seriously think of assisting China with her Budget if balanced and the plan to consolidate and redeem her foreign debt is effectively in operation. He might have added even then, that foreign capital will not be obtainable on easy terms if the Chinese army continues to be more expensive, and least efficient than those maintained in any important State.—Reuter.

VICTORY FOR TORY CANDIDATE.

Captain Duff Cooper at the Head of the Poll.

COMFORTABLE MAJORITY.

London, Yesterday.
Captain Duff-Cooper, the Conservative candidate for St. George's, Westminster, and a supporter of Mr. Stanley Baldwin, is at the top of the poll in the by-election with a majority of 5,710 over Sir Ernest Petter, the Independent Conservative candidate.

The voting was as follows:—

Captain Duff-Cooper 17,242

Sir Ernest Petter 11,532

Majority 5,710

— Reuter.

[Captain Alfred Duff Cooper, D.S.O., formerly of the Grenadier Guards, was born in 1890, being the oldest son of Sir Alfred Cooper, F.R.C.S., and the late Lady Agnes Duff, sister of the First Duke of Fife. In 1919 he married Lady Diana Manners, by whom he has one son. Educated at Eton and New College, Oxford (Honours in Modern History), he was elected as Conservative Member for Oldham (Lancs.) in 1924-29, and was Financial Secretary to the War Office in 1928. He served throughout the European War and was mentioned in despatches.]

SEARCH FOR PILOT.

DESTROYERS SAIL FOR GULF OF LINGAYEN.

AIRMAN STILL ALIVE?

Manila, Yesterday.
The destroyers Peary, Truxton, and Paul Jones, and the aeroplane tender Heron, carrying two planes, sailed shortly before midnight bound for Lingayen Gulf, to start a search for Mr. Brophy under the General Command of Captain Bristol, Commander of the Navy Air Squadron. Mr. Nichol Field is preparing two giant Sikorskis and is taking off at daylight to join in the search.—Reuter.

[Mr. Brophy is the pilot and Manager of L. E. Gale and Company, the American aeroplane agents.]

R.101 ENQUIRY.

GUESSWORK AS TO CONTENTS OF REPORT.

RECENT RUMOURS.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, replying to Sir Samuel Hoare, said that the R.101 court enquiry had not yet reported to the Air Ministry, therefore the recent rumours as regards the alleged contents of the report can only be guesswork.—Reuter.

HOLIDAY TRIP.

PRESIDENT HOOVER TAKES A VACATION.

BOUND FOR PORTO RICO.

Point Comfort, Yesterday.
President Hoover left in the battleship Arizona on a holiday trip to Porto Rico, the Virgin Islands to-day, accompanied by Mr. Hurley, Secretary of War, and Dr. W. A. Wilbur, Secretary of the Interior.—Reuter's American Service.

EX-CHANCELLOR ILL.

HERR MUELLER'S STRENGTH FAILING.

CONDITION CRITICAL.

Berlin, Yesterday.
The condition of the ex-Chancellor Herr Mueller, is very critical. He is suffering from bladder trouble and inflammation of the lungs. He is unconscious and his strength is failing.
A transfusion of blood has been made.—Reuter.

LOCAL COMPANY REPORTS.

H.K. & Whampoa Dock.

LOSS OF OVER \$170,000.

The report of the Directors of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., for the year ended December 31, 1930, states:—
As shown by the Profit & Loss Account, the gross profit on working for the year ended December 31, 1930, is \$481,201.82

After deducting interest, rates, crown rent, insurance, directors' and auditors' fees and allowing the sum of \$143,018.60 for depreciation on buildings and plant, the net loss for the year 1930 is \$171,713.75

The amount brought forward from last year was \$121,956.83
Add transfer from reserve 200,000.00
..... \$321,956.83

Deducting loss as above 171,713.75

leaves to be carried forward to next year \$150,243.08

Directors.

In accordance with Article No. 90 of the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. J. P. Warren and Mr. A. H. White retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. B. D. F. Beith retired from the Board on leaving the Colony and the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson was invited to fill the vacancy, which appointment requires confirmation.

Mr. J. P. Warren has been appointed Chairman for the year 1931.

Auditors.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Mathews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, who retire and offer themselves for re-election.

ROPE COMPANY.

The report of the Directors of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited, for presentation to the shareholders at the 47th ordinary general meeting to be held on the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, on Friday, March 27, at 11 o'clock a.m., is as under:—
The balance at Credit of Profit & Loss Account, for the year ended December 31, 1930, is \$181,774.99, which, with \$159,122.98 brought forward from the previous year, makes a total of \$340,897.97 available for appropriation.

The Directors recommend the following distribution:—
To pay a dividend of 75 cents per share, absorbing \$150,000.00

To place to Credit of Typhoon & Flood Account 5,000.00

To write off factory buildings at Macau-kok 100,000.00

To write off plant and machinery 15,897.97

To carry forward to credit of next year's account 70,000.00

..... \$340,897.97

Under Article 94 (b) Mr. J. Scott Harston and the Hon. Mr. J. P. Baga retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.
The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, who offer themselves for re-election.

\$75,000 BAIL.

CHINESE WOMAN WANTED IN CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. Jeng Shee, who is charged with the embezzlement of Gold \$25,000 from California, made yet another appearance before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, for the Crown, pointed out the difficulties that might crop up if the fugitive were granted bail. She was a Chinese woman, and within an hour could be out of the Colony's jurisdiction, and that would place the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in a very difficult position.

For the defence, Mr. F. H. Loseby said that the U.S. Government was dictating to this Colony the procedure to follow, whereas it could not do it. The woman had to wait for the convenience of the U.S. Government. His Worship remanded the case for another week, and allowed bail in the sum of \$75,000.

"LAUGH YOU FOOLS," SAYS SENATOR.

Writing of Cheques to Be Made An Offence?

SUGGESTION RIDICULED.

Canberra, Yesterday.
The attitude of the Lang group toward the Fiduciary Bill was disclosed in the House of Representatives to-day when Mr. H. F. Lazzarini (member for Werriwa) declared that they would support the second reading but would propose in committee an amendment making illegal the writing of cheques or the possession of cheque forms under a and Mr. Lazzarini shouted, "laugh ment."

An amazed silence, then laughter, greeted the announcement, and Mr. Lazzarini shouted, laugh you fools! You make the counterfeiting of fiduciary notes illegal, but allow bankers to issue thousands of millions of cheques, which are equally spurious currency."

Sydney, Yesterday.
The assembly passed the third reading of the Interest Bill, reducing interest rates on Government borrowings to three per cent., and private loans to five per cent.—Reuter.

ART DEALER'S FALL.

DEATH OF MAN WHO GAVE UP LAW.

Mr. Brandon Davis, a well-known London art dealer and collector, died in Westminster Hospital recently following a fall from a window of his flat on the fifth floor of Whitehall Court, Westminster, S.W.

Mr. Davis attended his business at his gallery in Grosvenor Street, W. He told a colleague that he felt far from well and left about 1 o'clock to go home for luncheon.

His wife was out when he arrived, and shortly afterwards pedestrians in Horse Guards Avenue saw his body falling to the ground, a distance of about 90 ft. Mr. Davis was taken to hospital in an ambulance.

Mr. Davis was for many years a successful solicitor in Johannesburg, largely practising company law. Before going to South Africa he studied Dutch law in Holland.

Broken Partnership.
He had taken a life-long interest in fine pictures, and while in South Africa formed a collection of some of the best of the modern French and English painters.

He returned to England a few years ago with his collection and entered into partnership with M. Paul Guillaume, one of the best-known French picture dealers but the partnership was later dissolved.

Another friend said: "Mr. Davis started as an art dealer more as a hobby than anything else, and in the last two years he had become one of the biggest dealers in London. He was always a supporter of modern English art."

Mr. Davis spoke French like a Frenchman and German like a German. He was a man of striking appearance and a well-known figure in the West End, where he always carried a tortoise-shell headed cane and a spy-glass.

OVERCAST.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: Anti-cyclone has formed over S.E. Mongolia.

A depression is shown to the S.E. of Vladivostok. Moderate monsoon prevails along the S.E. Coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds; moderate; overcast.

Rainfall.
Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m.—nil. Rainfall since January 1—3.89 inches against an average of 4.82 inches—deficit 0.93 inch.

Temperature.
The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	63
Macao	61
Pratas Island	74
Manila	77
Foochow	56
Amoy	60
Swatow	60
Chefoo	36
Shanghai	35

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Henry, 8, Lee Yuen St. East, 2nd
floor, from Calcutta.
Ngu Yen Van Hiep, Wah Yan
College, from Thudamot.

S. LACK
Superintendent
Hong Kong, March 19, 1931.

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C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong, 19th March, 1931.

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COMPANY MEETINGS**THE HONG KONG FIRE
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LIMITED.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE SIXTY-SECOND ORDIN-
ARY GENERAL MEETING
of Shareholders will be held at
the Offices of the Undersigned on
THURSDAY, the 26th March,
1931, at Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Gen-
eral Managers, together with a
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended the 31st December,
1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and
TRANSFER BOOKS will be
CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th
March, 1931, both days inclusive.

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General Managers.

The Hong Kong Fire Insurance
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Hong Kong, 6th March, 1931.

**THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA
DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ORDINARY YEAR-
LY MEETING OF SHAREHOLD-
ERS will be held in the Office of
the Company, 2, Queen's Building,
Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 30th
March, 1931, at Noon, for con-
sideration of the Directors' Report
and Statement of Accounts for the
year ending 31st December, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and
TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED
from the 23rd to the 28th
March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1931.

**UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING of
Shareholders will be held in the
Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Com-
pany, Limited, on TUESDAY, the
31st March, 1931, at 3 p.m. for
the purpose of receiving the Re-
port of the General Managers to-
gether with a Statement of Ac-
counts to 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
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Peak Hotel	1305
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Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Nitterbeds) ...	297
Mainland.	Feet.
Tai Mo Shan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

**ARCHITECT'S
CLAIM.****'Recommendation Which
Was Negligent.'**

Mr. J. M. Jackson, architect, who
sued Mr. A. W. Cashin, land-owner,
for \$20,750 for professional services
in connection with the proposed
erection of certain shop-houses in
Anson Road in 1927, was awarded
\$6,000 and costs by the Chief Jus-
tice (Sir William J. Wilson) in the
Supreme Court, Singapore.

In his judgment His Lordship
found that the plaintiff was not
negligent in omitting to prepare a
specification in respect of buildings
which were for all practical pur-
poses, almost entirely standardised
in 1927; or in omitting to prepare
an estimate of cost before tender; or
in omitting to advertise; and the
fact that he did not call for a larger
number of tenders for work of that
magnitude was a "small error" which
should not deprive him of his remuneration.

The fifth and last allegation
against the plaintiff was that he was
negligent in recommending the
defendant to accept the tender of
Poh Cheow of \$415,000. This
charge was one of the main diffi-
culties of the case.

If one took what in his opinion
was the biggest admissible esti-
mate per cubic foot for the cost of
the work, viz., 23 cents, the plain-
tiff was two cents per cubic foot
above what he should have recom-
mended and that made \$32,000
difference to the owner. But he
(His Lordship) was not satisfied
that the cubic foot basis was a
sound basis of calculation.

Mr. Lecain, a most careful and
reliable witness, considered a fair
price at which the buildings could
have been erected at \$320,000. The
difference between \$415,000 and
\$320,000 was \$95,000.

The amount therefore that the
defendant would have lost had he
followed the plaintiff's advice would
be something between \$32,000 and
\$95,000 and as he (His Lordship)
mistrusted the cubic foot measure-
ment and relied much more on Mr.
Lecain's substantive figure, he es-
timated, roughly, defendant's poten-
tial loss at something like \$70,000.

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Would Recommend."**

His Lordship said he found it
impossible to say that that sum
constituted a small error also. It
was about \$8,000. In a contract of
\$45,000 it was roughly 17 per cent.
The price was, in his opinion, if not
as defendant said, ridiculous, at any
rate a great deal higher than any
careful and diligent architect would
have recommended his client to ac-
cept.

"I find as a fact, therefore," said
His Lordship, "reluctantly, but de-
finitely, that the plaintiff's recom-
mendation constituted negligence."

Proceeding to deal with the ques-
tion of failure of consideration His
Lordship said he thought the plans
themselves were perfectly good.
They became useless only because
the defendant rejected the original
brick and tile scheme and embarked
upon a totally different scheme of
reinforced concrete. It was the de-
fendant, not the plaintiff, who made
the plans useless.

If he was right in that the only
question was: What was the plain-
tiff entitled to for the work he had
done? It was not necessary for
him to go into the provisions of the
R.I.B.A. scale in England or the
present scale in force here since
1929 because neither of them ap-
plied in the Colony in 1927. The
plaintiff prepared apparently com-
pletely satisfactory drawings; he
endorsed fairly full particulars on
them; he selected six tenders and
gave them the necessary supple-
mentary inspection. That was ap-
parently all. It was more or less a
matter of guesswork for one to
name any particular sum due for
the work but he would award what
he thought was a fair amount,
\$6,000.

The Opening of the Tenders.

Dealing with the question of the
plaintiff's alleged negligence in
opening the tenders before they had
all come in. His Lordship said
leakage in those circumstances was
clearly possible. Assistants some-
times talked and not many Chinese
were defeated by a locked drawer.

It was proved in evidence that
the usual custom was to open
tenders in the owner's presence and
only when they had all been recov-
ered. He thought it was quite pos-
sible and even probable that the
closeness of the tenders in the case
was, as was suggested by defen-
dant's counsel, due to a leakage
through plaintiff's unusual pro-
cedure.

It might be that that could be
held to be negligence on his part
but in the view he had taken of the
case it was not necessary for him
to give any decision on the point.

His Lordship accordingly gave
judgment for the plaintiff for
\$6,000 with costs.

**ALIEN SETTLERS IN
CANADA.****The Need for British
Emigrants.**

The following letter appeared
in the London Morning Post:—
Sir,—I should like to draw at-
tention, through the medium of
your paper, to the extent of
Central European settlement in
Western Canada during the past
few years.

I write from my own know-
ledge of what has been going on
in Southern Alberta since 1924.
In that part of Southern Alberta
where I have been living Central
Europeans have constituted the
bulk of the incoming settlers.
British settlers have been com-
paratively few.

In the district immediately sur-
rounding me Central Europeans
now occupy, either as owners or
as tenants, about 75 per cent. of
the farms. Every year has seen
an increase in their numbers, and
I know, from personal experience,
what efforts they are making to
enable other members of their
families, relatives, and friends in
their old country to join them,
money remittances for which pur-
pose they are continually sending
to Europe. They have their own
settlers' associations, which are
active bodies.

These Central Europeans seem
to be admirable settlers. They
are great workers, and many of
them are experienced farmers.
They are very well suited to this
district, where medium-sized,
mixed farms and intensive culti-
vation are the generally accepted
type of agriculture. They are
evidently successful. I have no-
thing whatever to say against
them; I have employed many of
them on my own farm, and some
of my land is leased to them.

But—and this is the point of
my letter—the success that
these Central Europeans are
meeting with could equally be ac-
complished by British settlers, if
they could be established on the
land and given a right start.

Why is this not being done?
Why are the golden opportunities
of slipping away from the
British?

Neglected and Starved.

It cannot be for lack of know-
ledge of the opportunities for
successful settlement in the Cana-
dian West; I am satisfied that
these are adequately advertised
in Great Britain. And it can
hardly be for lack of money, for
it is evident, from the immense
sums which are being spent on un-
employment relief in Great Brit-
ain, that there is plenty of
money to be got for approved pur-
poses. Nor do I believe that it is
for want of desire on the part of
potential settlers overseas.

British settlement in Canada
seems to be neglected and starved.
Yet migration overseas is admit-
tedly a matter of urgent national
and Empire importance.

With the experience which we
now have, it should not be dif-
ficult to form a comprehensive
scheme for the settlement of Brit-
ish emigrants in Canada, which
would be acceptable to Canada
and to Great Britain, and hold out
real promise of success for the
settlers themselves.

It is now more than a year
since Mr. J. H. Thomas, in the
course of his conference at Win-
nipeg with representatives of the
United Farmers' Organisations of
Western Canada, stated that he
had a scheme for British settle-
ment in Western Canada, which
he believed would meet with the
approval of Canadians when it
was made public, though he did
not divulge the nature of the
scheme.

It would be interesting to know
what is that scheme, and what
has since been done in the direc-
tion of launching it.
(Brig.-Gen.) M. L. Hornby,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

SILVER POSITION.**ARTIFICIAL PALLIATIVE
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In Messrs. Samuel M. Montagu
Co.'s Annual Billon Review the
imports of silver into India and
China during 1930, so far as can
be estimated, at present, were
about 85,000,000 and 185,000,000
fine ounces respectively. World
production for 1929 is put at
261,715,021 fine ounces by the
Director of the United States
Mint, which would constitute a
new high record. The effect of
low prices on output during 1930
has given rise to conjecture, but
as far as can be estimated at pre-
sent, the production for 1930 will
be about 244,000,000 ounces.
Sales of Indian Government silver
are put at 30,000,000 ounces, while
the supplies from France are es-
timated at about 23,000,000 ounces.

As regards the outlook, Messrs.
Montagu say that the situation in
China has become more hopeful,
while the affairs of India, that

Overland China Mail.**A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.**

In spite of the difficulties of the past year, brought
about by the unprecedented drop in exchange, Companies
that have held meetings during the week report what must
be considered encouraging progress. The Hong Kong
Electric Company has added over 2,000 new consumers
during the year, and has also managed to avoid any increase
in the price of current, although the Chairman stated that
such a step might possibly be necessary at a later date.
Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company, also showed slightly
increased profits, and the Dairy Farm Company found it
possible to award a ten per cent. bonus to the staff. Full
particulars of these Company meetings, and others, are
contained in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The first Bull to be given by the recently-formed St.
Patrick's Society proved to be an outstanding success. The
week was a notable one for social functions, the Hong Kong
Police Ball also attracting a very large number of guests.
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A claim by a Chinese lady against a local bank, for
alleged wrongful sale of property under a mortgage deed,
brought up some quaint legal points for discussion in the
Supreme Court. The case, which was one of unusual
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order that a settlement of her
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which prices have fallen is due to
the present existence of too much
silver in the world, then any im-
provement must come from in-
creased demand, and on the like-
hood of the latter the future of
the market depends. It has been
suggested that a conference of in-
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SINGAPORE BASE.

"A TEST OF BRITISH RESOLUTION."

[Sea Power, by Geoffrey Drage. John Murray, 10s. 6d.]

A very earnest note runs through the whole of this book, the second part of which consists of articles reprinted from the XIX Century, Edinburgh Review, the Syren, and the Council of the Royal Statistical Society. Of particular interest is the author's almost passionate letter on the subject of the Singapore base which he affirms is an Imperial Insurance. This letter was written to the Editor of The Times on July 24, 1923, and a further letter was addressed to the same journal on the same subject on October 17, 1923. Following on these two letters, we have later a third on the subject of Japanese ambitions in Singapore, appearing as a letter to The Times in April 1924, which carefully and accurately describes the position of Japan, vis-a-vis Singapore, her policy after the Great War, the economic needs of Japan, and her commerce and industries. Mr. Drage strikes a warning note in his concluding passage:

"In 1930 Japan will be ready, if not before. We are as we were in 1908, only Japan is far more clever than Germany. Peace can be maintained if it is perfectly clear what our policy is in the Far East and that we mean to stand by it. Otherwise, as in the case of the Crimean War, the Boer War and the Great War, we shall drift into war because the pacifists will once more be taken at their own valuation as qualified to speak for Great Britain. The naval base at Singapore is a test of our resolution."

A careful study of this work assures us that the author is never speaking at random: he puts his facts clearly before us, with necessary references. The appendix shows us the condition in force on the training ship Exmouth, and staff regulations for the new sea-going tender: position of boys in merchant ships, system of training, etc., while at the very end of the volume is a most useful map showing the Empire shipping on the trade routes of the world (ships of, and above 3,000 tons gross).

[Mr. Drage has an extensive experience of naval affairs, having been a member of several committees on sea, training and chairman of the national conference on that subject which sat from 1910-1914. He has written extensively on international problems.]

VISIT OF H.M.S. KENT.

H.M.S. Kent, Flagship of the China Station, (Captain Bertram H. Ramsay, M.V.O., R.N.) home-bound, arrived in Singapore on March 18 and left on March 16. The vessel arrived in Penang on March 17 and leaves to-morrow.

WHITE STAR LINE.

THE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

Further information concerning the affairs of the White Star Line is contained in the following extracts from a letter sent by Mr. G. H. Ewart to a London paper in mail week:

The dividends for the half year ended December 31 last on the £5,000,000 6½ per cent. Preference Shares of the White Star Line are now in arrear, and are due to be paid by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. at the end of January under their Guarantee. The Guarantee with over £11,000,000 surplus behind it was the chief inducement in the "Offers for Sale" of the White Star Line Preference Shares made in January and July, 1927.

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Two of the chief problems of the eminent and capable gentlemen who have been called to the task of advising and assisting the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. are, therefore, firstly the Guarantee as to Preference Dividends (£325,000 gross per year) and Preference Capital (£5,000,000) of the White Star Line, and secondly the liability on the Ordinary shares of the White Star Line.

One may appreciate the gravity of these problems, but the Preference shareholders in White Star Line (who number over 14,800 and many of whom can now ill afford to lose even a portion of their dividends or capital) are innocent parties who should not suffer. They invested their money on the inducements set out in the "Offers for Sale," and since then they have had no part or voice in the control of the company, which has been entirely in the hands of the Ordinary shareholders, that is, the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. and its Associated and Allied Companies and the directors appointed by them.

In a circular letter dated December 31 last the Preference shareholders of the White Star Line have been advised that a meeting (the first they have been privileged to attend) will be held at which a statement will be made regarding the position of the company. The position of the White Star Line, however, seems comparatively clear, and it is the position, intentions, and proposals of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. (the Guarantors) that are of vital interest at the present time to the Preference shareholders in White Star Line.

The present market price of the Preference shares (quoted at 21s.) of 5s. 6d. to 6s. 6d. suggests that there is a fear of something of a drastic nature being proposed.

As proxies must be deposited not less than two clear days before the meeting, which may be called at seven days' notice, a Committee for the protection of Preference shareholders' interests should be formed, for the organisation of so large a body as 14,800 shareholders, spread all over the British Isles, takes time, and obviously only a small proportion of that number can be present in person at the meeting.

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made Vice-Premier of Italy by Mussolini suggests that in the immediate future he will be in a position to exert more influence still. To what extent his new office will permit him to give further national support to the mercantile marine or to what extent it will cause his energy to be devoted to political purposes remains to be seen, but it is more than ever obvious that Italian shipping has the direct ear of the Dictator.

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KALYAN	9,144	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	6,949	11th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*BURDWAN	7,745	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships
were in harbour to-day:—

Bridgewater—South wall.
Bruce—No. 8 buoy.

C109—In dock.
Cumberland—West wall.

Hermes—No. 2 buoy.
Iroquois—In dock.

Marazion—No. 12 buoy.
Medway—No. 3 buoy.

Ostris—East wall.
Oswald—East wall.

Petersfield—North wall.
Sepoy—South wall.

Seraph—No. 11 buoy.
Serapis—No. 7 buoy.

Sirdar—No. 11 buoy.
Sterling—No. 10 buoy.

Suffolk—North arm.
Taranula—North wall.

Foreign Men-of-War.
Arkus—French gunboat.
Mindanno—American gunboat.
Waldeck Rousseau—French
cruiser.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, March 18.
Cheongshing, British str., 1,256
tons, Captain D. G. Burleigh,
from Weihaiwei, buoy No. B2.
—J. M. & Co.

Kronviken, Norwegian str., 1,519
tons, Capt. T. Kvamme, from
Whampoa, Stonecutters—Wal-
lem & Co.

Rangoon Maru, Japanese str., 3,637
tons, Capt. M. Hamada, from
Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—
N.Y.K.

Thursday, March 19.
Borneo, British str., 1,296 tons,
Captain R. A. Frichard, from
Saigon, buoy No. A5.—Wo Fat
Sing.

Chennan, British str., 1,355 tons,
Capt. J. Newton, from Canton,
buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Chian Lee, Chinese str., 1,850 tons,
Capt. K. Ishii, from Canton,
buoy No. B18.—Yee Tai Hong.

Goshu Maru, Japanese str., 3,352
tons, Capt. I. Kinoshita, from
Moji, Yaumati Anchorage—
M.S.K.

Haru Maru, Japanese str., 1,654
tons, Captain Takezawa, from
Keelung, Yaumati Anchorage.
—M.B.K.

Ixion, British str., 6,520 tons,
Captain J. A. Stewart, from
Osaka, buoy No. A3.—B. & S.

Kasagisan Maru, Japanese str.,
1,425 tons, Capt. K. Okitsu,
from Muke, Yaumati Anchor-
age.—M.B.K.

Koromiko, British str., 1,541 tons,
Capt. E. Jones, from Canton
buoy No. B2.—Williamson &
Co.

Madras Maru, Japanese str., 2,239
tons, Capt. S. Ama, from Moji,
Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Mito Maru, Japanese str., 7,061
tons, Captain T. Kurita, from
Bombay, buoy No. A11.—
N.Y.K.

Soudan, British str., 3,505 tons,
Capt. Symons, from Singapore,
Kowloon Wharf.—P. & O.

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Capt. G. A. Evans, from Swa-
tow, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

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T'au via S'low & S'hai	CHAKSANG	Sun., 29th Mar. at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'low & S'hai	FOOSHING	Wed., 1st Apr. at 7 a.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	HOSANG	Thurs., 26th Mar. at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Tues., 7th Apr. at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	YUENSANG	Mon., 20th Mar. at 3 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai	YUENSANG	Tues., 31st Mar. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai	KUMSANG	Fri., 17th Apr. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Suisang	SUISANG	Sat., 25th Apr. at 7 a.m.
Kobe	MAUSANG	Wed., 8th Apr. at Noon
Sandakan	HINSANG	Sat., 11th Apr. at Noon
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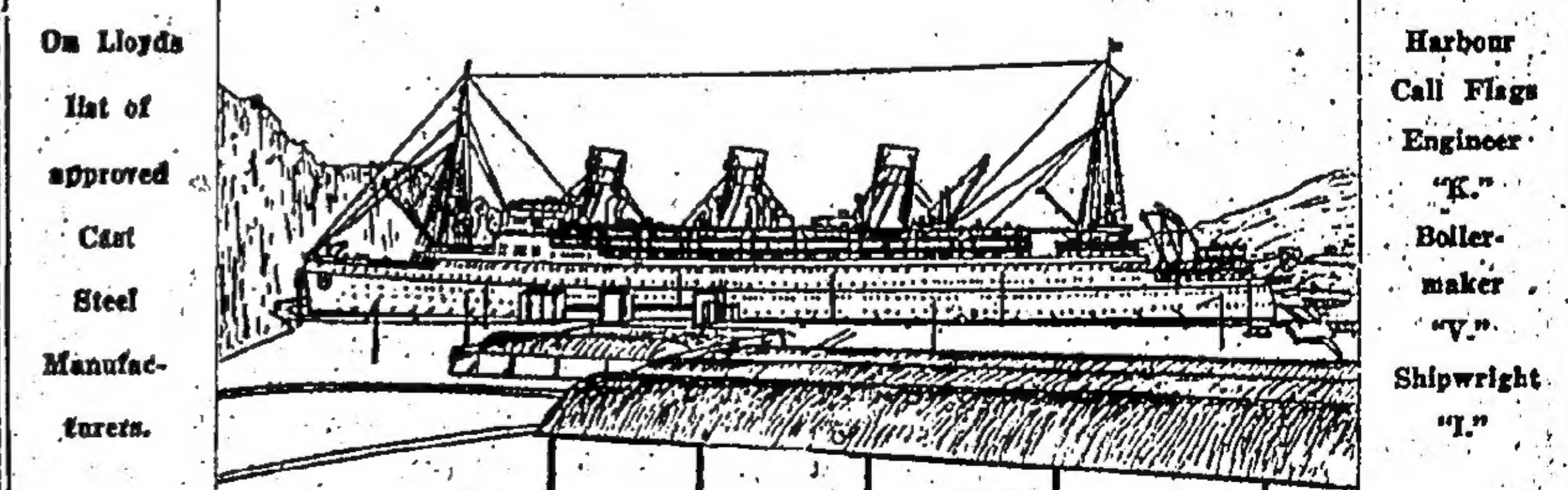
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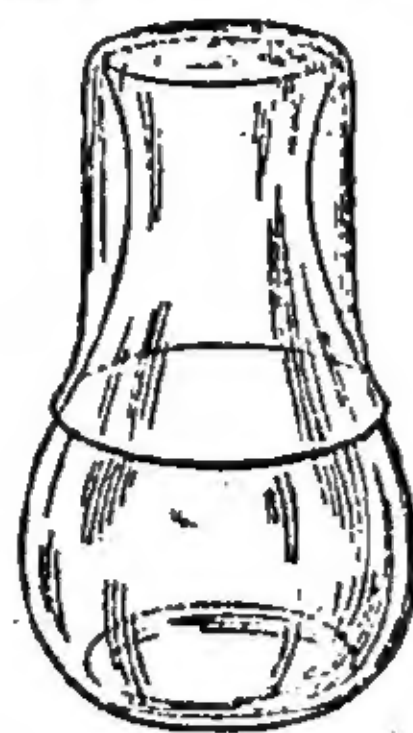
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kwong have
pleasure in announcing that the
marriage of their eldest daughter,
Mary, to Mr. Shi-wa Liang, B.A.
Oxon., will take place on Mon-
day, March 30, when a reception
will be held at the Roof Garden of
the Hong Kong Hotel at four o'clock
the same afternoon. All friends
are cordially invited to the recep-
tion. No cards will be issued.

Hong Kong, Friday, March 20, 1931.

ROYAL VISIT.

The announcement that His
Majesty King Prajadhipok of
Siam is to visit Hong Kong to-
ward the end of this month and
later will proceed to Shanghai
should be a matter of lively in-
terest to Chinese merchants and
the provincial authorities, for
the trade between the two coun-
tries, although fairly extensive, is
open to development, particularly
in regard to the export of cotton.
It is not to be imagined, of course,
that the visit of His Majesty is
primarily in the interests of
trade, but the fact that the
Chamber of Commerce in Bang-
kok has written to the Hong
Kong Chinese General Chamber
of Commerce, as well as to Nan-
king and Shanghai official bodies,
in order that preparation may be
made to receive the Royal visitors,
implies that the visit, if not ac-
tually in the nature of a "mis-
sion," may have a valuable re-
sult on the mutual trading re-
lationships.

In this connection it is inter-
esting to note that in 1927-28 the
exports from Siam to China were
valued at \$783,839, whilst in the
following year they declined to
\$488,740, the reasons for this not
being clear. But as there was a

corresponding decline in the ex-
ports to Hong Kong over the
same period, from \$5,293,446 in
1928 to \$5,633,160 in 1929, this
may have been due in a measure
to the general trade depression
and the unsettled conditions in
China. There was also a slight
drop in the value of imports from
China in 1929, when they were
valued at \$1,143,646, compared
with \$1,258,596 for the previous
year.

The foreign commerce of Siam
is very ancient. Her commerce
with India, China and probably
Japan dates from the beginning
of the Christian era or earlier,
while that with Europe began in
the sixteenth century. Her ex-
port trade has made rapid strides
in recent years. Prior to the
Great War the trade with her
immediate neighbours was com-
paratively insignificant, and the
total value of her imports and ex-
ports in 1911 was approximately
only about \$400,000; whilst the
foreign trade for 1928-29 showed
a total value of imports of
\$17,253,682 and of exports
\$22,952,253. Her seaborne com-
merce is in a very flourishing con-
dition, and in 1928-29 1,075
vessels of 1,151,880 tons and 1,079
of 1,158,309 tons cleared the port
of Bangkok.

Bangkok, whose annual trade
in 1911 was valued at \$13,000,000,
easily overlaps all the rest of the
country, the other ports together
accounting to a total of imports
and exports of little over a fourth
of that sum. On both the east
and west coasts of Siam the im-
port and export trade is increas-
ing rapidly and is, of course, very
largely with the Straits Settle-
ments, which, in 1928-29, was
valued at \$3,570,297 and
\$11,968,153, respectively. The
principal exports are rice, tin,
and teak, whilst the mineral re-
sources of Siam are extensive and
varied, including besides tin,
tungsten, wolfram, coal and iron,
zinc, manganese, antimony and
quicksilver. Tin mining on a con-
siderable scale is pursued on the
island of Phuket (or Junk Ceylon)
and also in the northern portion
of the province of Phuket on the
mainland, and the ore is found in
ever-increasing quantities in
other parts of the Siamese portion
of the Malay Peninsula, where
wolfram is now being extracted
in considerable quantities. The
total output of tin in 1927-28 was
10,44 tons.

It is to be hoped that the forth-
coming visit of His Majesty will
result in binding closer the ties
between Siam and the United
Kingdom, with a simultaneous
improvement in the trading re-
lationships of the two countries.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature
yesterday was 59 degrees. The
humidity was 55 at 10 a.m. and 50
at 4 p.m.

Lam Kam (31), an earth cooler,
was killed by falling rocks whilst at
work at a quarry in Taiipo Road
yesterday.

Mr. T. N. Chau has been ap-
pointed by the Chinese Chamber of
Commerce to represent it on the
Harbour Advisory Committee.

Arrangements are being made
by the Chinese Chamber of Com-
merce with regard to a welcome
for H.M. the King of Siam, who
will be passing through shortly.

One month's imprisonment was
passed on Yip Ming in the Kowloon
Police Court this morning for steal-
ing a pair of trousers, the property
of Ng Mui, and amah, of No. 11A
Cameron Road.

At the monthly meeting of the
Chinese General Chamber of Com-
merce, yesterday, it was decided not
to send a representative to the
International Chambers of Com-
merce Conference in Washington in
May.

In the Kowloon Police Court this
morning Chan Sheung and Wong
Kam, charged with stealing and
receiving 40 cement sacks from the
Tung Nam firm of contractors,
pleaded guilty and were each sent to
prison for three weeks.

Pleading guilty to the theft of a
quantity of brass fittings, valued at
\$5, the property of Chan Choi-lee of
No. 15, Portland Street, Chung
Ming, an unemployed Chinese, was
in the Kowloon Police Court this
morning sentenced to one month's
imprisonment.

There was no quorum at the gen-
eral meeting of the Hong Kong
Development Building and Savings
Society Ltd., scheduled for 2.30
p.m. yesterday. The contributories
were to have heard the report of the
liquidators, but the meeting had to
be adjourned until Thursday next.

An unknown Chinese aged about
30 years, dressed in black cotton
clothes, shoes and socks, and having
the appearance of a workman,
jumped overboard from the third
class portion of the Yau-mat Ferry,
as it was at 12.30 this morning.
Lifeboats were thrown overboard
with no result. The body has not
yet been found.

A programme for the most part
in lighter vein was presented at
the Helena May Institute yester-
day evening. The Collegian Glee
Singers were responsible for the
first half of the programme, and
were well received. Local artists
appeared in the second half, Mr. R.
Dudley and Madame Huke being
particularly successful.

Considerable discussion took
place at the Chinese Chamber of
Commerce concerning the decision
of the Sanitary Board in regard to
the treatment of small-pox. Mr.
T. N. Chau, a member of the
Sanitary Board, stated that the
matter had been thoroughly
thrashed out by the Board, and its
decision was final. A patient,
however, could have Chinese treat-
ment if he desired.

The Little Sisters of the Poor
celebrated the feast of St. Joseph,
Patron Saint of their Order, in the
Home for the Aged Poor, Kowloon
City, yesterday. The celebrations
were attended by a large and repre-
sentative gathering of Roman
Catholics, headed by His Lordship
Bishop H. Vallarta, D.D., who gave
the Benediction. A special dinner
made possible by a Chinese Catholic
benefactor was served to the in-
mates, who number over 100.

NIGHT CLUB BUSINESS.

Gangster Wars Killing It In
New York.

London, Feb. 14.

The overlords of American
gangdom are alarmed at the
slump in night club business.

Al Capone summoned his
vassals and enemies to a confer-
ence in New York and delivered a
homily urging them to behave
like gentlemen and discontinue
shootings and killings in night
clubs and other public places.

Capone has realised that the
battles between rival gunmen in
speakeasies are likely to injure
the night club business, and drive
away rich patrons. He there-
fore sent out his sons for a call-
together of the heads of gangland
and told them "some of us are not
exactly friendly, but we have got
to do something to end the busi-
ness slump."

The leaders expressed the
opinion that Capone was a wise
guy, and agreed that gang wars
should be ended until the next
time.

"COSMOP" ABROAD.

Motoring Writer's
Tour.

Every year the number of motor-
ists who venture abroad on a
foreign motor tour increases. Mr.
Harold Pemberton, Daily Express
Motoring correspondent writes from
Le Havre.

For the benefit of the new and
growing army of motoring explorers
the Daily Express has sent me out
to seek new highways in many
lands, to describe motoring con-
ditions in diverse countries, and to
provide a faithful narrative of the
joys, and sorrows, if there be any,
that may be encountered upon the
way.

We have another function to per-
form.

The British motor-car has suf-
fered to some extent in foreign
markets through persistent prop-
aganda to the effect that it is not
fit for world conditions.

People have been led to believe
that our cars are built for the
Portsmouth road and not for frigid
Alpine passes, that they are all
right for a run to Brighton, but
useless in the burning heat of the
desert. Well, we shall see!

Travelling "Incog."

Let me introduce you to Cosmop,
our car. It has, during the next
three weeks or so, to uphold the
honour of the British motor indus-
try among a lot of alien motor-cars.

Cosmop is short for Cosmopolitan.
This is not its real name. It is
travelling incognito, for it is not
yet on the market. But I can say
that Cosmop is the type of car that
many British manufacturers are
now concentrating on with a view
to capturing markets abroad.

It has a six-cylinder engine and
sufficient horse-power to suit the
tastes of those who say that our
cars are not big enough to compete
with rivals outside Great Britain.
It will cost far less than most of
the foreign cars it is going to mix
with during its period of probation.

I must also introduce you to the
personnel of the expedition, because
when touring the choice of com-
panions is important.

First, then, the owner. It is
early yet to say how things will
pan out. We have so far reached
the port of Le Havre. The car is
being disembarked, and the owner
is sipping a coffee and cognac,
watching the other members of the
party carrying out their respective
tasks.

Judging from our drive down to
Southampton one of the Owner's
jobs is to drive when the roads are
good, when it is not raining, and
before that nasty period between
sunset and complete darkness. The
rest of the party drive at times ex-
clusive of the above.

The Owner is also O.C. documents.

This is an important function.

He carries an imposing bundle of
papers which give Cosmop the
magic right of way through the
Customs barriers of the many coun-
tries we are going to visit. But
foreign travel by car is now so
highly organised that all the owner
has to do is not to lose them.

The Royal Automobile Club acts
as nurse to car owners arriving at
the port.

That is why the Owner is sitting
sipping his coffee and cognac. The
R.A.C. nurse has taken his papers
away.

He will appear later with the
documents duly signed, and all the
Owner will have to do is to tuck
them away in his pocket until we
meet the next R.A.C. nurse at our
next port, which is Bordeaux. I
hope there is another cafe there,
for his sake.

Now we come to O.C. baggage
and official map reader to the ex-
pedition. It was agreed when we
started that the luggage should be
limited to one suit case and one
attache case per person. The Owner
has curious ideas of what con-
stitutes an attache case.

O.C. baggage asked him when an
attache case ceases to be one and
becomes a trunk. He is at present
busy roping the Owner's attache
case on to the luggage grid.

Spare Driver.

The other member of the party
is responsible for chronicling events
as they occur in a fair and accurate
manner, is also spare driver and
official interpreter, a task of some
difficulty and importance, as we are
going to pass through about ten
different countries.

The baggage is now stowed away.
The Owner has got his bundle of
papers back. Some fifteen odd
porters have asked us if the car
has been unloaded in a satisfactory
manner. The interpreter has ex-
pressed his satisfaction in the ap-
propriate number of francs.

The sun is shining, the road is
good, so the Owner is taking the
wheel, and Cosmop's bonnet is set
towards the south.

English-born boxers have little
chance of securing a verdict in
U.S.A. unless they knock their op-
ponents to insensibility. English-
men are called "limos," an equi-
valent to a lime juice or a lemon.
—James Butler.

AMERICA INDIGNANT
AT BANDITS' ACT.Public Upset by Murder
of Missionaries.

DEMAND TO NANKING.

Washington, Yesterday.
Tremendous indignation is felt
in America over the fate of the
missionaries, Mrs. Miller and Mrs.
White. The State Department
has instructed the United States
Minister in Nanking to insist that
murderers be immediately
brought to justice. — Reuter's
American Service.

SHOT THROUGH A
TORPEDO TUBE.How A Gallant
Officer Died.

Two of the latest built sub-
marines, the Perseus and the
Poseidon, have arrived in Singa-
pore and are anchored off the Oil
Wharf, Kappal. Their destination
is the China Station.

They are very similar in type to
those of the O class which passed
through Singapore a few months
ago, though they have slightly
wider cabins and companionways.

The visit of these submarines
calls to mind an incident that oc-
curred during the War and has
had a repercussion by the screen-
ing of a talking picture
which dealt with a similar in-
cident. It concerned the shooting
of an officer through a torpedo
tube, after a submarine had been
rammed.

The submarine was rammed by
a merchant ship in the Medway
at night. It sank immediately and
the first officer volunteered to be
shot through the tubes. He crawled
into the tube and the aperture
was closed behind him and the
compressed air turned on.

Unfortunately there was not
sufficient compressed air left and
the officer was drowned by the in-
rush of water at the other end.
Everyone in the submarine perished
and the body of the officer was
found later in the torpedo tube.

This has become a popular
theme of novelists and writers of
thrillers, but few people under-
stand the actual theory by which
it is worked. The chances of es-
cape are limited to a man's capac-
ity to hold his breath in the in-
terval while the aperture at the
sea end is opened and the com-
pressed air is turned on. Immedi-
ately the compressed air is turned
on, the man is shot clean
through the tube and up to the
surface. When the charge of air
is turned off, the aperture at the
sea end is closed and so the tube
is emptied of water.

STEAMER WRECKED.

TOTAL LOSS OF CHANGKIANG
REPORTED.

FATE OF CREW UNKNOWN.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
A wireless report to Shanghai
says that the steamer Chang-
kiang (from Knuthamsun) has
been wrecked and is a total loss.
Fifty out of 300 passengers
were picked up.

The fate of the crew is un-
known.

The French warship Marne is
proceeding to the scene. — Reuter.
[An earlier message stated:—
Anxiety is felt here for the safety
of the French freighter Chang-
kiang, which is now 48 hours
 overdue from Hong Kong and
from which a broken off wireless
message was received on Monday.]

The Changkiang left Hong
Kong on the 13th inst., and on
the 16th inst. the local wireless
station intercepted a message
from her which read "Echoue
horan," the message then break-
ing off.

"Horan" is not known, but it
probably means Bonham Island
off the Fukien coast.

The Changkiang is heavily
laden with cargo and carried be-
tween 20 and 30 passengers and a
crew of 70.]

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
March 20, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/4½.

The Chinese printers' strike is
still in progress. Last Saturday
the employers are reported to have
held a meeting in the Koon Nam
Restaurant to form a new Society
as a protection against the workers
demanding an 8-hour day and the
employers prepared to grant that
demand. At a meeting of the King
Yuen Printers' Guild held yester-
day to discuss the strike it was un-
animously agreed by those pre-
sent that the Guild with a mem-
bership of over a thousand, should
form a company of newspaper
printers and publishers, with shares
of \$1 each to employ all members
thrown out of work by the strike.

SALESIAN FATHERS' WORK.

Incorporation of the Procurator.

BILLS BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday, presided over by H.E. the Governor, three Ordinances were put forward, two of them by the Attorney-General, (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C.), and the other by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Sheaton. They were respectively "An Ordinance to amend the law relating to Deportation," "An Ordinance to amend further the Law relating to Larceny," and "An Ordinance for the Incorporation of Procurator in Hong Kong of the Salesian Society." All of them passed the first reading.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Sheaton, proposing the latter Ordinance, said that the Society was founded in 1872 by the Blessed Dom Bosco. The primary purpose was to educate poor children. It had now 9,870 priests working throughout the world. The control was vested in a small council in Turin, Italy, and there were 50 local councils. The Procurator in Hong Kong was President of the local Council, which managed the Society's operations in South China.

The Society manages and controls an Industrial School for Chinese boys at 179, Third Street, in addition to other theological and vocational schools in Hong Kong and South China. Negotiations were now in hand with the Government with a view to leasing the buildings and ground known as the Aberdeen Paper Mills. It was also hoped to acquire property at Shaokwan to form an industrial school for priests.

It was now proposed that the Procurator in Hong Kong be incorporated as a Corporation Sole.

The Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes seconded the motion, which was carried.



"How did you hurt your head, old man?"
"I tried to get up the stairs and into bed while the clock was striking three."
Smith's Weekly, Sydney.

OUSTRIC SCANDAL.

PARIS ASKS FOR EXTRADITION OF ITALIAN BANKER.

Paris, Feb. 1.
The parliamentary commission investigating the Oustrie Bank scandal and its wide ramifications has sent a request to the Foreign Office to address a note to Italy asking for the temporary extradition to France of the well-known Italian banker Gualino, at one time chairman of the board of directors of the Sna Viscosa and but recently banished to the Lipari Islands for a term of five years because Signor Mussolini considered his financial activities detrimental to the sound development of Italy's economic life.

The Chamber's commission wants to examine Gualino regarding M. Oustrie's relations with the Gualino group, and in an attempt to clear up several still obscure points in connection with the admission of the shares of the Sna Viscosa to the Paris Stock Exchange.

The request was, apparently, made because public indignation has been further incited by the announcement that several more small banks have just put up their shutters and that further bank directors have been placed under arrest.

Meanwhile the Paris Press is engaged in bitter mutual recriminations of the organs of the Right and Left, which accuse each other of trying to hush up the scandal because too many prominent parliamentarians are rumoured to be involved.

PERJURY CHARGE FAILS.

Indian Moneylender Discharged.

"UNRELIABLE" EVIDENCE.

Paula Singh, charged with perjury in connection with a Summary Court case concerning money-lending transactions, was found not guilty, and discharged at the sittings yesterday.

Mr. S. Jarvis had previously given evidence as to paying notes made by Mr. Remedios. He said he had no knowledge of any others being in existence.

Another witness said that defendant had told him there was no further indebtedness. Mr. Jenkin, for the defence, suggested that there was an understanding between defendant and Mr. Remedios to conceal a portion of the liabilities.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, for the Crown, asked the jury to find defendant guilty.

Mr. Jenkin maintained that the evidence of Messrs. Remedios, Costa, and Robertson, was unreliable.

The jury were absent for twenty minutes before returning their verdict.

42 YEARS WORK IN SIAM.

Dr. and Mrs. McKean Leaving for Home.

Dr. James W. McKean arrived in Bangkok by the mail train from the north, having left Chiangmai for good, says the Bangkok Times of February 21. He is homeward bound, and in a few days Siam will know him no more. But he may be assured that his memory and that of Mrs. McKean will be kept green in the North, so long as any remain of those among whom they have lived and worked.

Indeed Dr. McKean is known outside Siam, for all foreigners who have visited the leper asylum at Chiangmai have carried away with them a lasting impression of the value of his work there.

Mrs. McKean's health compelled her to retire some few years ago, and she cannot return to this country. That is the real reason why the Doctor is now retiring and going to rejoin her.

It is now forty-two years since Dr. and Mrs. McKean came to this country and they were stationed in the North from the outset. They came as missionaries, and faithful missionaries they remain to the last. The others then stationed in Chiangmai were the Rev. Dr. W. Clifton and Mrs. Dodd, and the Rev. D. C. and Mrs. Collins. At that time and for many years after, the North was quite out of the world, but all these we have mentioned cheerfully dedicated their lives to the cause for which they entered the foreign mission field, and to the service of the people of their adopted country.

In those early years Dr. McKean carried on his medical work far and wide over that north country. In 1904 he established a laboratory for the production of anti-smallpox vaccine. At that time whole villages were being nearly wiped out by smallpox; and as the mail took quite two months from Europe and three months from America to get there, the virus from home was useless when it arrived. Dr. McKean's vaccination campaign against this prevalent disease constituted such a convincing demonstration of the value of this procedure that it made much easier the subsequent anti-smallpox campaign which was undertaken by His Majesty's Government, and which has made Siam one of the best protected countries in Asia against smallpox. The early campaign established a precedent, and thus made easier other public health measures.

But Dr. McKean's name is still more widely associated with his work for the lepers of the North. He built up this special effort of the Mission from nothing to the splendidly successful colony whose fame has spread over the Far East at least. That constitutes a service that would be outstanding anywhere in the world. And not only from the actual relief of suffering is this work of worth, but from the public health standpoint it is equally important. He has not only cared for large numbers of hopeless and suffering people, relieving all of them and restoring some of them to health; but he has put the leprosy problem "on the map" in this country—no mean achievement in public health.

Happily Dr. McKean is not completely severing his connection with the Asylum, since he leaves his son as superintendent there.

MILLIONAIRESS FOR A DAY.

Curious Prize at New Year Ball.

WHIRL OF RICHES.

In a luxurious suite of rooms at the Australia, Miss Phyllis Kellett, aged 18, is living for a day the life of a millionairess, according to a Sydney paper.

Miss Kellett won the "Millionairess for a Day" ticket at the Whoopee Ball on New Year's Eve.

Tall fair, slim, and sunburned, she is an athletic girl. She is a strong swimmer and loves all sports.

"It is such a queer feeling—like some delightful dream—to be lifted right out of my usual energetic life as a physical culture instructor to the life of a lady of leisure," she said.

"At home I am used to doing everything for myself—quite an independent woman—and now, for a spell, I am waited on like a princess. I haven't gone far enough yet to decide which I prefer."

Miss Kellett entered her suite at 9 o'clock at night.

After breakfast she was waited on by a small army of attendants—hair-dressers and manicurists. Then there was a knock at the door, and her mother (Mrs. Kellett) appeared.

"Hallo, mother!" was Phyllis's greeting. "You're my first visitor." But, from 7 o'clock, people have been ringing up to wish her a happy day.

Her Bodyguard.
Phyllis has a devoted bodyguard in Mr. Leonard Pratt who is accompanying her on every engagement through the day.

"No," Phyllis laughed, "I am not engaged—officially."
Her programme for the day is a full one. After morning tea with the "Whoopee" Ball Committee in the Australia, she drove in a Chrysler saloon car on a wonderful shopping expedition.

Everywhere she went she was welcomed by attentive staffs, smiling hostesses and a barrage of photographers. When she entered or left her car crowds collected to see the girl who was playing the role of millionairess with such enjoyment and perfect poise. She was whirled through a maze of fittings for hats, shoes "undies," stockings etc.

At a luncheon at David Jones's, at which she was the guest of honour, Phyllis wore a black lace frock, with ankle-length flare skirt, and a Lillian Coudray cloche hat to match her frock.

Her next engagement was to be driven to Mascot to be taken up by Major de Havilland in his own plane.

Then there will be afternoon tea at the Pickwick Book Club and photographs taken at the Walker Studios.

Dinner at the Australia will be followed by a party at the State Theatre and then Miss Kellett will return to her own home.

"Like Cinderella when the clock struck twelve" the girl said with her gay smile. "But it will have been a gorgeous adventure."
Mrs. Harold Vale, Mrs. July Terry and Mrs. J. A. S. Guinn were her chaperones for the day.

ARAB "HEALER."

ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF SWINDLING.

It has just been proved that among the large Arab population of Paris there are many who believe that the Koran may be an adequate substitute for the pharmacopoeia.

Some time ago the police learned that an Algerian named Adadi Belkacem, living at St. Maur, was in the habit of receiving in a back room of a small cafe many Algerians, Tunisians, and Moors, who ought to have seen a doctor. Adadi had, in fact, a great reputation among his fellow Mohammedans as a healer.

When policemen paid a surprise visit to his consulting room they found him engaged in mixing medicines. His ingredients consisted of honey, saffron, pepper, copper sulphate, garlic, and mustard. He had quite a scientific aspect in his white surgeon's smock, but was unable to produce any certificate of his right to practise medicine. He had, however, on his dispensing table a copy of the Koran, from which, he declared, he drew his information.

The raid was promoted by complaints from a number of co-religionists who had submitted themselves to his treatment at fees ranging from Frs. 100 to Frs. 600 and found that their illness grew worse instead of better.
Adadi has been arrested on a charge of swindling.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula Hotel and Hotel Cecil.

To-day—Yorkshire Society's Dinner, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

To-morrow—Craigengower Cricket Club dance.

To-morrow—H.M.S. Cumberland dance, R. E. Theatre, 8.30.

To-morrow—Oxford and Cambridge Society dinner, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.15 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

"Love in the Rough." Theatre.

To-day—Central Theatre.

"Fashions in Love." Theatre.

To-day—Majestic Theatre.

"Saturday's Children." Theatre.

To-day—Star Theatre.

"Student Prince." Theatre.

To-day—World Theatre.

"Ben Hur." Theatre.

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

Meetings.

To-day—Victoria Diocesan and Association, 5.15 p.m.

To-day—Hong Kong Automobile Association, Jardine Matheson Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

March 30—Society of St. George, Jardine Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

March 30—Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 2, Queen's Building, noon.

March 31—Union Waterboat Co. Ltd., at Messrs. Dodwell's Office, 3 p.m.

Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Suwa Maru); from America and ports (Empress of Japan).

To-morrow—Inward from America and ports and Europe via Siberia (President Garfield); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Suwa Maru), 9.30 a.m.

Lammerts' Auction.

Tuesday—At 5, Carnarvon Bldg., Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

Monday—Laying of foundation stone of new Po Leung Kuk by H.E. the Governor, 3 p.m.

Monday—St. Joseph's College prize distribution, 5 p.m.

Wednesday—Lecture by Prof. L. Forster, Union Assembly Room, University 8.30 p.m.

THE STRANGE LETTER.

A certain man wrote to a friend, and in the letter he asked how his nephew was getting on at school, saying he would like to hear some news of him.

The following was the friend's reply. See if you can puzzle it out:—

"stand he has a SCHOOL made biosys." I

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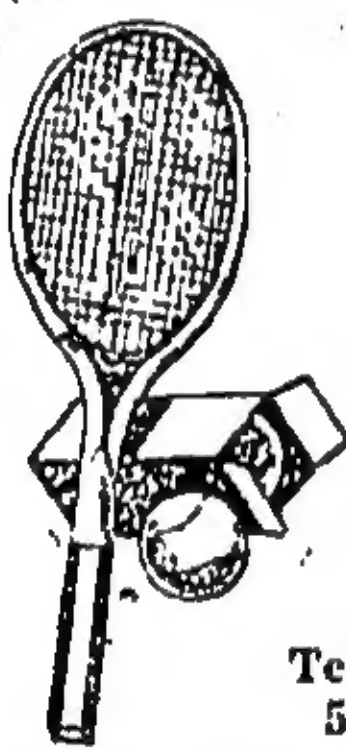
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Sport Columns

LOCAL FOOTBALL SENSATIONS.

R. A. Requested to Resign.

EWO ELIMINATED

Drastic action has been taken by the Football Association against two Clubs.

As the result of the match in the Second Division of the League on Saturday last between the Hong Kong Football Club and the Royal Artillery, four of the players of the latter have been suspended until June 1.

Moreover, the R.A. have been requested to resign their membership of the Second Division. The R.A. had four more matches to play, but the points will now be awarded to their respective opponents. In its report of the Club v. R.A. match the *Sunday Herald* said, in part:

The Gunners, as sportsmen, did not impress. Childishly kicking the ball out of the ground when pulled up for some infringement, and paying little heed to the referee or their captain, they failed to maintain the standard looked for and invariably found in military teams.

R.A. tactics at this time were becoming dubious. Mr. Stokes had plenty of occasions to use his whistle.

On resuming . . . Barclay was pulled up for a foul on Stokes, and his name was taken by the referee for deliberately kicking the ball away from the place kick. This happened on three more occasions within the next ten minutes. All offenders were noted in the referee's book.

Wood, the Gunners' captain, appealed to his men but without much success. He at least managed to keep them on the field when the majority had decided to walk off.

DECISION AGAINST EWO.

Suspended From Association Indefinitely.

As the outcome of the Junior Shield match between Ewo and Kowloon Football Club on March 7, a charge was brought against the Ewo of substituting several players at half time.

The Association has suspended the whole Club from the Association sine die.

As in the case of the R.A. the points involved in the Ewo's three remaining fixtures in the Third Division will be awarded to their respective opponents.

It may be recalled that Ewo were defeated by Kowloon F.C. by 9-0. In the first half Ewo indulged in a lot of doubtful play, with the result that the referee warned the whole Ewo side. After the interval it was at once noticed that several new players were included in the Ewo team.

Who'll Win?

TO-MORROW'S LEAGUE GAMES AT HOME.

(Exclusive to China Mail—By "Linesman.")

The following is a list of Home football matches to-morrow. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

ARSENAL v. Wednesday
BIRMINGHAM v. Middlesex
BLACKBURN v. Gillingham
BLACKPOOL v. Manchester U.
DERBY CO. v. Aston Villa
Leeds v. WEST HAM
Leicester C. v. LIVERPOOL
NOTTINGHAM v. Chelsea
PORTSMOUTH v. Newcastle U.
Sheffield U. v. Huddersfield
SUNDERLAND v. Bolton

Division II.

BARNLEY v. Wolves
Bradford C. v. Southampton
Bristol C. v. BRADFORD
BURY v. Oldham
Cardiff v. STOKE C.
CHARLTON v. Reading
EVERTON v. Millwall
Plymouth v. Notts F.
PORTVALE v. Burnley
Swansea v. TOTTENHAM
WEST BROM. v. Preston

Division III.—South.

BOURNEMO v. Exeter
Clapham v. NORTHAMPTON
COVENTRY v. Bristol R.
FULHAM v. Newport
Gillingham v. CRYSTAL PAL.
NOTTS CO. v. Torquay
Queens P.Z. v. SOUTHEND
SWINDON v. Gillingham
Thames v. Brentford
Walsall v. LUTON
Watford v. Brighton

Division III.—North.
DARLINGTON v. Rotherham
DONCASTER v. Rochdale
GATESHEAD v. Accrington
Hallifax v. Chesterfield
Hartlepool v. TRANMERE
HULL v. Crewe
LIVOLN v. Wigan
Nelson v. YORK C.
New Brighton v. Barrow
Stockport v. Southport
Wigan v. CARLISLE

Scottish League.

CELTIC v. Cowdenbeath
MOTHERWELL v. Hearts
Ayr U.N. v. Leith
DUNDEE v. Airdrie
Falkirk v. CLYDE
HAMILTON v. Morton
Hibernians v. ABERDEEN
RANGERS v. Queen's Park
East Fife v. KILMARNOCK
St. Mirren v. Partick

TO-MORROW'S SNIPS.

Home.
Blackburn Rovers.
Blackpool.
Manchester City.
Preston.
Charlton.
Everton.
Coventry.
Fulham.
Notts County.
Darlington.
Celtic.
Motherwell.
Dundee.
Rangers.
Away.
West Ham.
Liverpool.
Bradford.
Stoke.
Tottenham.
Northampton.
Crystal Palace.
Southend.
York.
Kilmarnock.

S. A. RUMJAHN IN THE FIFTH ROUND.

Full Programme for Handicap Singles.

The full results of yesterday's matches in the H.K.C.C. Lawn Tennis Championships are as follows:

Open Singles.

(4th Round.)

S. A. Rumjahn beat H. Lo 6-4, 6-2.
Handicap Singles "A".
H. J. Armstrong (owe 15) beat E. F. E. Nash (owe 1/8) 6-0, 6-3.
N. H. H. Ratten (owe 5/8) beat E. R. Price (scr.) 6-3, 6-2.
L. Col. F. Robinson (owe 2/6) beat L. T. Ride (owe 3/6) 6-2, 6-4.
A. B. Raworth v. Dr. D. J. Valentine.
J. J. Ferguson (owe 3/6) beat J. R. Hinton (owe 3/8) 6-7, 6-5.

PROBABLE ELEVENS FOR TO-MORROW.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

League I.

C.C.C. v. L.R.C.—At Happy Valley.
L.R.C.—A. H. Rumjahn (captain), A. H. Madar, A. I. Arculli, A. A. Rumjahn, S. A. Ismail, F. D. Pereira, A. R. M. H. Ratten, J. S. A. Ismail, A. R. Curran, A. R. Ismail, A. S. Ismail.
Reserve: A. R. Rahmin.
CLUB v. NAVY (Away).
Club: H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, A. C. Beck, A. Reid, G. R. More, E. R. Duckitt, O. G. Simpson, W. Rigg, J. R. Hinton, E. C. Ethington, and J. Macfarlane.
League II.

RECREIO v. R.E.—At King's Park.
Recreio: H. A. Alves, L. J. Silva, H. A. Barros, A. P. Pereira, C. M. Sousa, G. A. Guterres, F. J. Remedios, A. Frain and F. H. Carvalho.
CLUB II. v. R.A.S.C. (at H.K.C.C.)
Club II.: H. J. Armstrong, G. E. R. Divitt, L. B. Smith, C. E. Gahagan, R. R. Davies, J. D. A. Hutchison, J. R. Way, R. H. Wild, J. Chadwick, E. J. Collins and L. A. Whips.

SHIELD FOOTBALL.

Senior Shield.

K.F.C. v. SOUTH CHINA—Club Ground at 4.30 p.m.
K.F.C.—Penny, Martin, Downman, Hedley, McKelvie, Blais, Pile, Simpson, Gilloft, Grimwood, and Ineson.
Reserve: Angold and Whitfield.
Junior Shield.

K.F.C. II. v. NAVY—Club Ground at 7.20 p.m.
K.F.C. II.: Angus, Guest, Williams, Everest, Gilchrist, Cameron, Eastman, Whiting, Spary, Cotton and Blackford.
Reserve: Smith and Hart.
CLUB II. v. ST. JOSEPH'S—Kowloon Ground.
Club II.: Fogwill, Sloan, Hynes, Punccheon, MacFarlane, Stoker, Alexander, Bell, Strange, Jackson, and Fowler.
Reserve: Hooper, Tavlin and Smith.

HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. II. v. H.M.S. MEDWAY—At King's Park at 3 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. II.: F. Allen, J. M. Purvis, A. Tate, E. Macey, R. A. Bates, D. F. Kilby, W. J. Brown, Dr. Ashby, W. H. Smith, F. Parker, and H. Muller.
Reserve: S. West.
Reference: A. R. Brown.

CAER CLARK CUP.

ST. ANDREW'S v. RECREIO—At Seokunpo at 3.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's: A. A. Hynes, P. St. John, L. Bodony, E. Landolt, M. D. White, I. Gillette, A. Wood, N. Field, M. Woolley, M. Churn and P. Gillette.
Recreio: B. Remedios, C. Osmund, M. Bastor, E. Rosario, M. Alves, L. Xavier, C. Silva, C. Botelho, J. Silva-Netto, A. Alves, and M. Remedios.

OXFORD'S ROWING IMPROVEMENT.

Holdsworth Stroked 38 to Minute.

CAMBRIDGE LULL.

The critics may be compelled to modify the views regarding Oxford's chances in the annual Boat Race to-morrow after this morning's work during which they performed their best piece of rowing since their arrival at Putney. Holdsworth stroked at thirty-eight in the first minute, dropped to thirty-four, and then finished at thirty-six, during an excellent three minutes row. The remainder of the outing, which was rather extended, was devoted to starts and paddling. Cambridge, in direct contrast, adopted the policy of resting before the battle, not going out in the morning and only having a short spell in the afternoon.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—H.K.C.C. Tournament.
CHESS—March 27—Entries closed for Kowloon Chess Club's Junior Championship.
April 7—Open Chess Championship commences.
FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Senior Shield—Royal Artillery v. South Wales Borderers; Kowloon F.C. v. South China A.A.; Junior Shield—Navy v. Kowloon F.C.; Club v. Eastern F.C.
April 18—Sunday Herald Charity Cup Final—Scotland v. China.

HOCKEY—To-day—Caer Clark Cup—Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club v. Diocesan Girls' School; Radio Sports Club v. Hockey Club "A", U.S.R.C., 5 p.m.
To-morrow—Caer Clark Cup—Club de Recreo v. St. Andrew's Club.

LAWN BOWLS—To-day—Kowloon Bowling Green Club—Annual Meeting, 5.45 p.m.
March 27—Lawn Bowls Association Annual Meeting.

ATHLETICS—To-morrow—Central British School Sports, King's Park, 2 p.m.; St. Stephen's College Sports, Stanley, 2 p.m.

FENCING—To-morrow—Tournament, Yacht Club, 3.30 p.m.
Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.

CRICKET—To-morrow—Division I.—Craigengower C.C. v. Indian R.C. (L.); Civil Service C.C. v. Royal Artillery (L.); Navy v. Hong Kong C.C. (F.); Division II.—Hong Kong C.C. v. R.A.S.C. (L.); Indian R.C. v. Craigengower C.C. (L.); University v. Kowloon C.C. (L.).

TO-MORROW—To-day and To-morrow—China Fleet Amateur Championships (Finals), Theatre Royal.

RACING—Sunday—Farming Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.
April 4 and 6—Second Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

April 18—Third Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.
SAILING—Monday—Entries Close for Trevelyan Trophy.
Tuesday—Trevelyan Trophy, 4 p.m.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—Monday—Army v. Navy, Seokunpo, 5 p.m.
March 28—Club v. Navy, Club Ground, 3 p.m.
April 4—Club v. Army, Seokunpo, 3 p.m.

HOME.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—England v. Scotland (Amateurs), Chelsea.
March 28—Scotland v. England, Glasgow.

April 25—English Cup Final.
RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Scotland v. England, Murrayfield, Edinburgh.
April 6—France v. England, Paris.

ROWING—To-morrow—Oxford v. Cambridge.
GOLF—Tuesday and Wednesday—Oxford v. Cambridge, Sandwich.

BOXING—Wednesday—A.B.A. Championship, Albert Hall.
RACING—Wednesday—Lincolnshire Handicap.
Thursday—Liverpool Spring Cup.

March 27—Grand National Steeplechase.
HOCKEY—March 28—Scotland v. England, Perth.

M.C.C. TOURING SIDE IN DRAWN GAME.

Promising S. African Boy Bowler.

HENDREN IN FORM.

Grahamstown, Mar. 8. The match between the M.C.C. touring team and the South African Schools ended in a draw. The following were the final scores—M.C.C. 180 (Hendren 78, not out, Leeock 5 for 48), and 305 for 9 (Wyatt 66, Leyland 47, Hendren 47 and Turnbull 39); South African Schools 180 (Goddard 5 for 81).

Difference in weight between big men is not so important as with smaller bowlers. Men is big enough to tackle anything if good enough. It is the punch that chiefly matters, coupled with the ability to land it properly.—C. E. Nash.

'WAKERS' ON PRESENT DAY RUGBY.

Law Makers Must Give Helping Hand.

AVOIDING OBSTRUCTION.

Rugby football is not under a cloud, and there is really nothing wrong with the game, stated W. W. Wakefield, former England captain in an interview with the *News Chronicle*. If we have had some dull internationals recently, our club matches are all right. I've refereed many this season, and generally things have gone so smoothly as a marriage bell.

A lot of nonsense is being talked and written just now about the wing forward being a menace to the game. He's nothing of the sort.

The whole trouble in those dull and dreary internationals has been, in my opinion, due to the instruction of the International Board that the ball should be "placed" in the scrum and not thrown in. (This is an instruction only and is not in the rule book).

Slow Heeling.

Putting the ball into the scrum slowly inevitably leads to slow heeling, with the result that, when the ball does come out, the scrum half is smothered before he can get it away.

That is what happened in the last two International matches at Twickenham, and people have been blaming the wing forwards in consequence.

I agree with Mr. Rudd that the rule which governs hooking needs re-drafting. It is a mathematical impossibility to say when the ball has passed both feet of the outside men. The ball is really fairly in the scrum as soon as it is in the tunnel.

As a referee, the chief thing I concern myself about is to see that the middle man of the front row on either side does not cross his feet with those of his opposite player before the ball is in.

Backs Must Get It.

If the ball is thrown in hard and the outside man follows it in with his foot, the result is a quick heel and then no wing forward or scrum half on earth can prevent the ball being got away to the backs.

If I were refereeing an international match I should stand by the rule book and advise the scrum half to throw the ball into the scrum as hard as he could.

This question of how to get the ball into the scrum is best determined by forwards and scrum halves. When three-quarters start fiddling with it they only make things worse. I could draft a rule in a few minutes which I would guarantee to work satisfactorily.

I am definitely against any alteration of the law which would restrict the opportunities of wing forwards. If you made them keep on their own side of the scrum until the ball is out you would be encouraging slow and slovenly heeling, and surely we don't want to do that.

Cove-Smith's Opinion.

Mr. R. Cove-Smith gives the following opinion:
I heartily agree with Mr. Rudd that the laws are at fault and a considerable improvement could be made by forbidding the middle man of the front row in the scrum from using his near foot.

As I first played the game we always used the far foot and were consequently better able to "hook," instead of merely jabbing at the ball with the near foot, as is done so frequently nowadays.

It seems to me that the day of the wing forward is over and that the obstructionist now reigns supreme.

There is too much dependence on the idea that a wing forward is there to "look after" his own scrum half. The only way he can do this is by obstruction.

Our aim should be concentrated on constructive tactics and enterprising play; not upon illegal and dismal methods of defence.

Present-day Evils.

Clem Lewis, (Captain of Wales, 1928) says Percy Rudd "has done the Rugby game a service in calling attention to those present-day evils of the game which are tending to ruin it. I believe him to be on the mark when he says he does not believe that Rugby football will get out of the rut into which it has fallen until the law-makers give it a helping hand."

To me the curses of modern football are the wing forwards and the referee's whistle. The first is an insidious growth; the other a rather pathetic attempt to enforce laws which are not functioning properly.

It has always been my contention that the basic principle behind a scrum is that it is merely a duel to see who shall carry on the attack. The pack of forwards which wins the centre man of the front row, should lift his foot at all in the scrum.

Drastic Changes.

Thinking along these lines, there are two things I would instantly do. First, I would make it illegal for

BLUE RIBAND OF YACHTING.

Determined American Challenge.

FASTNET CUP.

Nearly a score of American racing yachts are to visit British waters, says a correspondent in a home paper. They are coming to compete in the long-distance events arranged for this Summer by the Ocean Racing Club.

But the opportunity of making a race of the long Atlantic passage is too good to be missed, so these American challengers will all line-up off Newport, Rhode Island, to receive their starting-gun on Independence Day, July 4.

Among this small but formidable armada are some new vessels specially designed for deep-sea racing. The chief of these is the contest of the Fastnet Cup. Indeed, this race exacts so much of both ships and men that it is looked upon as the Blue Riband of blue-water sport.

Although this gruelling race is open to vessels which are not 35ft and not more than 60ft. in length, most of the competitors are nearer the minimum than the maximum size.

So far, there is no sign that Great Britain is exerting herself to meet this determined challenge from America. The British vessels which have sailed in former contests are well manned and courageously handled, but as ships, when contrasted with the latest products of the most famous American designers, they are rather a scratch lot. We have the men, but where are the ships? It seems that no British yachtman has given an order for a new ocean racer.

If this cannot be helped, however, there is a next best thing. Some fast cruisers, excellently suited to ocean racing, are owned by yachtmen who are too old or otherwise disinclined for this most arduous game; and it has been suggested that they lend their vessels to approved amateur crews.

There is plenty of time to meet America's challenge, for the Fastnet Race starts as late as August 11. The little ships will be sent from Cowes, down Channel, and out to the Fastnet rock off southwest Ireland, and back to a finish at Plymouth—a distance of about 620 miles.

The distance is nothing; it is the condition of the road that counts, and in a climate so uncertain as our own the fleet can scarcely hope to avoid spells of hard winds and heavy seas.

To race a very small vessel in such conditions is the hardest, wettest, and most exhausting labour in the world. Still, this is what the Yankees are coming for—and although it is our party, need it be our funeral as well?

ALL-INDIA CHAMPION FOR EUROPE.

Miss Leila Row to Visit Wimbledon.

AHAD HUSSAIN TOO.

Tennis enthusiasts will be interested to hear, says a Statesman report that Miss Leila Row, who recently won the All-India championship at Allahabad, and who provided tough opposition to Miss Jenny Sandison (who did not defend her title at Allahabad) both in the recent Calcutta and Delhi championships, will shortly be leaving for Europe. She will compete in the French championships and is to be nominated as one of India's representatives at Wimbledon.

Miss Row, who is even younger than Miss Jenny Sandison, is considered by many sound critics a player of great promise and should benefit greatly from her experience in Europe. She is not afraid to drive or to volley, but is weak in service. Her career in Europe will be watched with much interest.

Ahad Hussain, whom such a critic as Wallis Myers thinks is the most improved and improving player in India, is leaving for England in April and will also be nominated for Wimbledon. Ahad Hussain defeated both G. T. Hughes and J. S. Oliff at Delhi and should do well in England.

anyone to pass the tunnel of the scrum until the ball is heeled and in the hands of an opponent.

In one stroke you have cut out the destructive wing-forward, with all his "rough stuff."

Secondly, only one man; and he the centre man of the front row, should lift his foot at all in the scrum.

You may think this is drastic, but I am convinced it is the only way. There would be no trouble about getting the ball into the scrum; if this rule were adopted.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.	Japan and Shanghai	Shinyo Maru
SATURDAY, MARCH 21.	U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Feb. 20) and Europe via Siberia (London, Mar. 2)	President Garfield
SUNDAY, MARCH 22.	Shanghai and Swatow	Rioux
	Shanghai and Swatow	Sinkiang
	Europe via Negapatam (Papers only, London, Feb. 19)	Talma
MONDAY, MARCH 23.	Amoy	Tilawa
	U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Feb. 27)	President Jackson
TUESDAY, MARCH 24.	London (Parcels only, London, Feb. 12) and Straits	Anchises
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.	Amoy and Swatow	Van Heutz
	Japan	Atsuta Maru
	Java and Manila	Tjisalak

OUTWARD MAILS

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.	Shanghai and Wuchow	Koehow	4 p.m.
	Japan	Ermland	4.30 p.m.
	Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Suwa Maru	(Due Marseilles, Apr. 19.)
K.P.O.	Registration Mar. 20, 4.30 p.m.	Registration Mar. 21, 8.45 a.m.	
	Letters Mar. 21, 9 a.m.	Letters Mar. 21, 9.30 a.m.	
SATURDAY, MARCH 21.	Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Limchow	8.30 a.m.
	Saigon	Wong Shek Kung	2.30 p.m.
	Manila	Empress of Japan	3.30 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 22.	Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan	5 a.m.
	Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Hozan Maru	9 a.m.
	Manila	Shinyo Maru	9 a.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 23.	Swatow	Hydrangea	3 p.m.
	Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco		
	President Pierce	(Due San Francisco, Apr. 15.)	
	Parcels Mar. 23, 3 p.m.	Registration Mar. 23, 4.15 p.m.	
	Letters Mar. 23, 5 p.m.	Letters Mar. 23, 5 p.m.	
	Registration Mar. 23, 5 p.m.	Letters Mar. 23, 5 p.m.	
TUESDAY, MARCH 24.	Hoihow and Bangkok	Chinhua	10.30 a.m.
	Batavia	Tjisondari	10.30 a.m.
	Swatow	Kwong Sang	5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.	Amoy	Tai Yuan	3.30 p.m.
	Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East & South Africa, Aden and Egypt		
	Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Gänge	5 p.m.
	Hiye Maru	(Due Victoria, B.C., Apr. 15 and Europe via Siberia.)	
	Registration Mar. 25, 5 p.m.	Letters Mar. 25, 5 p.m.	
THURSDAY, MARCH 26.	Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Atsuta Maru	(Due Thursday Island, Apr. 8.)
	Registration Mar. 26, 8.45 a.m.	Letters Mar. 26, 9.30 a.m.	
	Van Heutz	10.30 a.m.	
	Ho Sang	Mar. 26, Noon	
	Parcels Mar. 26, Noon	Letters Mar. 26, 1 p.m.	
FRIDAY, MARCH 27.	Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	1 p.m.
	Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Rawalpindi	(Due Marseilles, Apr. 24.)
K.P.O.	Registration Mar. 27, 4.30 p.m.	Registration Mar. 27, 5 p.m.	
	Letters Mar. 28, 9 a.m.	Letters Mar. 28, 9.45 a.m.	
	Letters Mar. 28, 10.30 a.m.		
SATURDAY, MARCH 28.	Foochow via Swatow	Chin Shing	5 p.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 30.	Amoy	Yuen Sang	5 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 31.	Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	D'Artagnan	(Due Marseilles, May 1.)
K.P.O.	Registration Mar. 31, 1 p.m.	Registration Mar. 31, 1.45 p.m.	
	Letters Mar. 31, 1 p.m.	Letters Mar. 31, 2.30 p.m.	
	Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Autolycus	2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles, May 1.)

*Superscribed, correspondence only.

TEST CRICKETERS IN TROUBLE.

Woodfull and Ponsford Do Not Play.

DELEGATES ANNOYED.

All sorts of rumours, writes Southern from Melbourne in the Sydney Referee, are rife as to what is to happen at the next meeting of the Victoria Cricket Association. A considerable number of delegates are annoyed at the refusal of W. M. Woodfull and W. H. Ponsford to play in the important N.S.W. v. Victoria match in Sydney.

Various motions are to be brought forward, and there are rumours of probable suspensions. It seems that the annoyed section of the V.C.A. evidently regards players as being the property of the association. This section fondly imagines that players who take part in big cricket require no rest. Winning the Shield is all important.

Since the chances of Victoria again winning the Shield are rosy, these delegates should be mollified, especially as Woodfull and Ponsford have played in only one Shield game so far. It is easy to make trouble, but not so easy to put things right.

N.S. Wales did not protest to the V.C.A. that Woodfull and Ponsford did not come to Sydney to play in the Shield match. Domestic arrangements are the explanation from Victoria. Look as though N.S. Wales is hard to please. The associations of Australia must realise that they are asking star players to give far too much time to first-class cricket. How many members of the associations themselves could afford to take so much time off from their private affairs as they expect the cricketers to take, comments "Not Out."

WHICH "WARATAH" WILL WIN.

Little Native Bear for First Son Born.

RUGBY TOURISTS.

The first son born to a member of the "Waratah" team, which represented the New South Wales Rugby Union in Britain, France, and Canada in 1927-28, will be given the team's famous mascot. This trophy is a koala, or little native bear, ornamented with the team's colours. It has been seen on the greatest football fields in the world, and when the team was nearing Australia on its return there was great rivalry as to its possession.

Mr. Gordon Shaw, the team's manager, eventually gave the judgment of a Solomon when he decreed that the bear should go to the first son born to a member of the team.

Up to the present four of the footballers have been married since the tour. Each of them has been blessed with the fatherhood of a daughter!

AMERICAN INVASION OF AUSTRALIA.

Horton Smith and Joe Kirkwood.

Joe Kirkwood is to pay another visit to Australia near the end of the present year. It was lately announced that he would be accompanied by another well-known golfer whose name was not disclosed. It appears from a letter received by Archie Keane (Cammeray pro.) that Kirkwood will bring Horton Smith with him. Smith has won many State titles and the championship of France, and is regarded as the greatest of the younger players.

"Wild Bill" Mehlhorn and R. A. Cruickshank, two other leading American players, are due in Australia next month. They are going via Japan and New Zealand.

VON ELM HAS NO COMPLAINT.

"Nothing Playing Golf for Glory."

ONE BIG WEAKNESS.

New York, March 1. George Von Elm, the Salt Lake City golfer, is one business man who has no complaint.

And if Von Elm, that curious hybrid known as neither a professional nor an amateur golfer, can get a firm grip on his putting touch and avoid a tendency for one bad round in large tournament play, he's not apt to "view with alarm" the near future.

Greatest Reward.

Von Elm in the space of six weeks has made himself some \$8,000 richer since he decided that playing golf for glory was all right for those who could afford it, but that as a business man he needed whatever prize money his golf skill would bring him.

Von Elm's biggest reward for his exceedingly realistic conception of golf came in the \$25,000 Agua Caliente open when he tied for first place with John Golden, Connecticut professional.

Von Elm lost in an 18-hole playoff, but that cost him nothing except the honour of first place. He already had entered "business" arrangements with Golden to cut the prize down the middle, meaning \$6,750 apiece.

Same Result.

This added to the prize money that Von Elm picked up in the winter tournaments at Salt Lake and San Francisco brought his earnings up to somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$8,000.

In the Agua Caliente event Von Elm refused to nod to his old jinx of one bad round. In 1928 and again in 1929 a single bad round defeated him in the national open championship, but at the Mexican resort his card for the four 18-hole rounds read 74-73-75-71.

His other difficulty, faulty putting, a thing which put him out of the money a few days previously in the \$10,000 Los Angeles open, after a fine start, also endangered the fine mechanical structure of his play at Agua Caliente.

Putting, in the long run, probably will determine just how Von Elm will be able to build his new "business." Otherwise for the past decade he is rated as one of the best amateurs in the competition. He won the national amateur championship from Bobby Jones in 1926.—Associated Press.

HELEN WILLS TO GAZE UPON FINANCIERS?

Her Profile Captivates Famous Muralist.

San Francisco, Feb. 28. The famous classic profile of Helen Wills Moody may yet be preserved in oils—unrecognisable, possibly—to look down on future Western financiers.

The story originated when it was made public that Mrs. Moody had met Diego Rivera, the world-famous Mexican muralist, and that Rivera had been captivated by the famous Wills' profile and had made several sketches. Rivera is in San Francisco to do the murals in the new San Francisco Stock Exchange building.

One version of the story is that Rivera asked for permission to use Mrs. Moody as a model in the foremost feminine figure of the main mural and that Mrs. Moody refused. Then, the story went, Rivera begged for permission to make sketches and use face and figure as a "base," so altering the appearance as to make it unrecognisable. Interest hinges upon whether Mrs. Moody agreed to this or not.

Mrs. Moody told Press reporters "there is nothing in it." Rivera denied it also; but it was pointed out that, had Mrs. Moody consented, in all probability it would have been conditioned upon Rivera's sworn silence.—United Press.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	117%
Bank, on demand	117%
Bank, 4 months' sight	11 15/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/- 9/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/- 11/16
On demand	612 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	652 1/2
On New York—	
On demand	24
Credits, 60 days' sight	25 1/4
On Bombay—	
Wire	66 1/4
On demand	66 1/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	66 1/4
On demand	66 1/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	42 3/4
On Manila—	
On demand	48 1/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	Tls. 76 1/4
Dollar	4% dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	48 3/4
Overseas (Bank's buying rate)	1/- 1/2
Silver (per oz.)	13 1/2
Kong Silver in Hong Kong	Nominal
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Centa	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	22 3/4% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par	

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday:	
Paris	124.19 1/2
New York	4.85 29/32
Brussels	34.89
Geneva	25 25/32
Amsterdam	12.12
Milan	92.74 1/2
Berlin	20.39 1/2
Stockholm	18.16 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2
Oslo	18.16
Vienna	34.57 1/2
Prague	164
Helsingfors	193
Madrid	46.2
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	376
Bucharest	417
Rio	39
Buenos Aires	4
Bombay	1/6 27/32
Shanghai	1/3 3/4
Hong Kong	1/- 1/4
Yokohama	2/- 13/32
Silver Spot	13 1/2
Silver Forward	13 1/2

—British Wireless Service

STANDARD TIMES.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN COLONY.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for March 1931, Standard time of the 120th Meridian (East of Greenwich) are as follows:—

Date	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
20	6.28	6.84
21	6.27	6.84
22	6.26	6.85
23	6.25	6.86
24	6.25	6.86
25	6.24	6.86
26	6.23	6.87
27	6.22	6.87
28	6.21	6.87
29	6.20	6.87
30	6.19	6.88
31	6.18	6.88

Confidence is said to be the footballer's—and therefore a football team's—most important asset. I will go further by stating that quite half of a successful player's stock-in-trade is his belief in himself—a comfortable feeling that he can do all that is required and expected of him.—D. B. N. Jack.

Ian Peebles appears wanting in something. He has not that robustness necessary for strenuous Test cricket, and he is inconsistent as a bowler. He strikes me as being still a cricket student, with much to learn in ball control.—Captain E. W. Ballantyne.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 20th March, 1931.

STOCK	Buy- ers	Sell- ers	Sales	Non	Plu. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	3015	...	3000	3010	Dec.	[Final 43 cents 21 for 1929-30] Mar. 9, 31
Chartered Bank .....	...	...	...	161	Dec.	[Final 15 cents 11 for 1929-30] Pending
Mercantile Bk., A.B. of C. L. ....	...	...	344	121	Dec.	[Final 15 cents 11 for 1929-30] Sep. — 30
Bank of Asia	116 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 15 cents 11 for 1929-30] Feb. 23, 31
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1340	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 27 for 1929-30] May 15, 31
Union Ins.	625	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] May 30, 30
*China Underwriters... 3.60	...	...	...	...	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins.	330	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 20 cents 11 for 1929-30] May 30, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.	1340	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
Shipping.						
Douglases .....	...	...	...	35	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929-30
H. K. Steamboat .....	...	...	...	36	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.) ... 3.00	...	...	...	10	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] June 10, 29
(Def.) .....	...	...	...	30	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929-30
Shell Transport .....	...	...	...	37	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Jan. 6, 31
Union Waterboat ... 3.00	...	...	...	37	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
Mining.						
Benguet	10	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 40 cents 11 for 1929-30] Dec. 30, 30
Kailash Mining Ad. of Langkat .....	...	...	35 1/2	...	June	[Final 40 cents 11 for 1929-30] Dec. 30, 30
Shan Exploration	2.10	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 40 cents 11 for 1929-30] May 8, 30
Loans .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	None
*Rauco	38	...	...	...	Mar.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Feb. 6, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields 3.60	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Mar. 16, 31
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves... 3.00	...	...	101	x div.	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Mar. 10, 31
H. K. & W. Docks .....	...	...	...	30	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929-30
South Ch. Moats .....	...	...	...	10	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
*China Provident (old) 5.00	...	...	...	2.40	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Sep. 19, 30
(new) .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Mar. 4, 31
Hongkong	374	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] July 30, 30
N. Engineering	51	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
Shanghai Docks	110	...	...	...	Apr.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	18.90	...	...	15 1/2	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
H.K. Lands	84 1/2	85 1/2	...	84 1/2	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Feb. 10, 31
Shanghai Lands .....	...	...	x div.	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Mar. 10, 31
Humphreys (Cum Rts.) 16.80	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Feb. 24, 31
Rights .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Sep. 4, 30
H. K. Real Estate	5.80	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] July 2, 30
Chinese Estates	37	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton	14 1/2	...	...	...	Apr.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Mar. 19, 31
Shanghai Cotton	90	...	...	...	Apr.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Nov. 29, 30
Zoong Sings .....	...	...	...	121	June	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways	17.70	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Feb. 27, 31
Peak Tram (old) .....	...	...	...	161	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] June 10, 30
(new) .....	...	...	...	...	Apr.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Feb. 18, 31
Star Ferries	88	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Feb. 18, 31
*China Light	24.15	24 1/2	...	30	Sept.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Mar. 18, 31
H. K. Electric	78 1/2	79 1/2	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Mar. 18, 31
Macao .....	...	...	...	25	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
Sandakan Light .....	...	...	...	12	June	None
H.K. Tel. fully paid & part paid	51	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Mar. 11, 31
China Buss	18	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Feb. 25, 30
S'pore Traction (Ord.) 6 1/2	...	...	...	...	Sept.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Feb. 6, 31
(Pref.)	10 1/2	...	...	...	...	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
Industrials.						
China Sugars .....	...	...	...	80 cts	...	In liquidation.
Malayan Sugars .....	...	...	...	80	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Apr. 11, 31
Cald. Mag. Ord. ....	...	...	...	124	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Apr. 20, 30
Pref. Ord. ....	...	...	...	13 1/2	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
Canton Iron	8.80	...	...	...	July	None
*Cements (com.)	10.50	...	x div.	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Mar. 18, 31
(old)	12 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
(new) .....	...	...	...	5 1/2	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
H. K. Rope	10.90	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farm (old)	34 1/2	...	34 1/2	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Mar. 18, 31
(new) .....	...	...	...	12.60	Oct.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Mar. 18, 31
Watsons .....	...	...	...	1	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
Der A Wings .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
Lanc Crawford	42	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
MacKinnons .....	...	...	...	30	Feb.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] May 16, 30
Sincere .....	...	...	...	13 1/2	Feb.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
Wm. Powells .....	...	...	...	3.85	Feb.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] June 10, 30
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement (old) 18 1/2	...	...	...	27	Mar.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Mar. 27, 31
(new) .....	...	...	...	18	...	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
Ch. Entertainment .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
H. K. Construction .....	...	...	...	5.45	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
B. Ind. G. Bonds	68 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
H. K. Govt. Loans	7 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	...	Prem.	[Final 10 for 1929-30] Pending
*Speculative shares. *Sales to Shanghai.						

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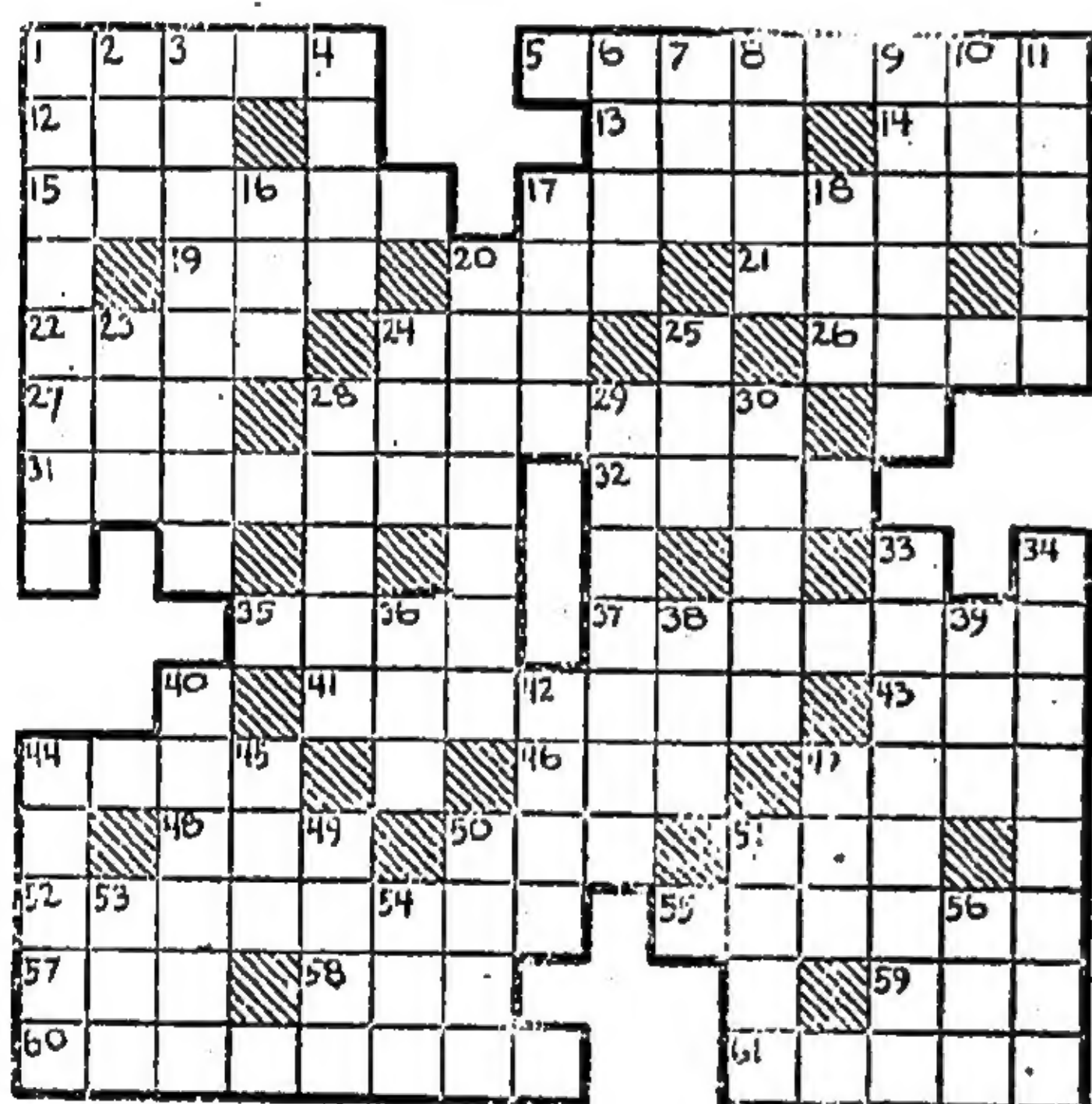
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, glow, and altho.)



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|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-N. W. State of U. S. | 47-A plant | 35-Compass point |
| 5-A native of the U. S. | 48-A revolutionist | (abbr.) |
| 12-1002 (Roman) | 49-A hobby | 24-Old French coin |
| 13-A Hebrew high priest | 51-Existed | 23-Single |
| 14-Diminutive forming suffix | 52-Tipped to one side | 28-A game bird |
| 15-Pale | 53-Unit of weight for gems (pl.) | 29-In the place of |
| 17-That may be touched or felt | 54-Before | 30-A young owl |
| 19-To low, as cattle | 55-Ever (contr.) | 33-Huge prehistoric reptile |
| 20-Half a score | 59-Out (S. Afr. D.) | 24-Those characterized by egotism |
| 21-To recede | 60-Flatiron | 36-High mountain |
| 22-A former court of jurisdiction in England | 61-Worries | 38-Entomology (abbr.) |
| 24-Ocean | | 39-And not |
| 25-Bears having a good deal of body | VERTICAL | 40-Jolted |
| 27-Tavern | 1-Discomfited | 42-An old-time beverage |
| 28-An Italian statesman | 2-Prefix. Through | 44-Scissors by strides |
| 31-Lockjaw | 3-Illegals | 45-Of term |
| 32-Anything new or strange | 4-N. W. State of U. S. | 47-Conflict |
| 33-A precious stone | 5-Stingy | 49-Ruminant with antlers |
| 37-Abounding | 7-An old cloth measure | 50-Plant with feathery leaves |
| 41-A constituent | 8-Mature | 51-Exorcism on the skin |
| 43-Now (Scott.) | 9-To repair, as boots | 53-Southern constellation |
| 44-A fuel used in Holland | 10-The utmost possible | 54-Combining form. |
| 45-To corrode | 11-Requires | 55-To bind |
| | 16-A building site | |
| | 17-A song of joy | |
| | 18-Silenceless Arabian garment | |
| | 20-Pertaining to tension | |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

GIKE AFAR
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TERN EGGS

David Manners will play Little Billie and Marian Marsh will make her screen debut as Trilby in "Sven-gali," the Warner Brothers' production based on the celebrated novel and play by George Du Maurier, in which John Barrymore will be starred.

In "The Blue Angel," in which Emil Jannings again makes thrilling drama out of middle-aged faculty, the presence of Marlene is of secondary interest. Not even she can cope with the genius of a Jannings. And that reminds us: When he is coming back to Hollywood?

There is a story about a pretty little girl named Janet Gaynor. She wanted to play in musical comedy, so Fox gave her "Sunny Side Up," and she was happy for a time. This little girl was so tired of being a down-trodden heroine, as she had been in "Seventh Heaven," "Street Angel," etc. The public liked her in pretty parts, but when she saw herself in "High Society Blues" she ran away to Honolulu and hid. After seeing it I can understand WHY. BUT, it was just what I predicted. The theatre was packed every show. I am glad to say that little Janet is back at work doing what she wants to do—drama. The second Duse will astonish us all in "The Man

TALKIE TALKS

by
Diana

"Love in the Rough," a so-called musical comedy that I saw as "Spring Fever." Robert Montgomery, as Kelly, the shipping clerk who plays golf better than he works, is wasted. Dorothy Jordan as the heiress should leave this type of work to those who revel in it. She sings and dances in the true-to-type musical comedy manner, Papa Nugent struggles to be funny as the man who makes golf his one aim in life, and Benny Rubin, loudly dressed, thinks he amuses. To those who know a masher from a niblick the picture will not doubt appeal. As I do not, it left me alone cold. The director put in a couple of bed-room scenes, there is a championship game, where the hero, of course, wins, and her Papa, with a passion for champions, consents to the marriage.



Dorothy Jordan.

Robert Montgomery, who now receives more "Fan Mail" than any other juvenile lead, should stick to comedy-drama, where he excels. (Queen's).

"Fashions in Love" was Adolphe Menjou's first Talkie. His role as the temperamental musician is perfectly suited to him. He speaks with a delightful French accent, plays the piano, and sings. Oh, no, not wonderful, but quite pleasing. I remember seeing Irene Vanbrugh in this play when it was called "The Concert." A musical genius to whom love making comes so easily. A long-suffering wife, but such an understanding one. A flapper who runs away with him, and later bores him. Aided by the girl's husband the dearly beloved is rescued from his latest entanglement. All is well till we presume another affair takes its place. Fay Compton scores in this, but she was home sick when I saw her in Hollywood, and although she had some flattering offers, ran home to her beloved London. Many people think Miriam Segar is also British. She went to London with Al Woods' Company, but is an Indiana girl. I enjoyed it, and advise a visit to the Central.

"The Love Doctor" with Richard Dix. Not great; may please. I saw it on the stage in Hollywood with Ben Lyon and Tom Moore. It left no impression, because it is so absurdly far-fetched. I do like Dix in the new medium, though, and I think this is the first one we have had here of his. (Central).

"Slightly Scarlet," well directed, beautiful gowns, Evelyn Brent, as usual—scowling, but looking rather attractive. Clive Brook—So British, so charming—Eugene Pallette and Helen Ware, in not over-big parts, scored. Claud Allister, who either takes butlers, valets or Lords, and acts them all alike, was Hawkins. It is only by his name that I know he is a gentleman or a "gentleman's gentleman." I am not one of his tremendous admirers, but he is making a success in Hollywood. We shall see him as the Prince in "Monte Carlo." He plays it as he did the Piccadilly Johnny in "Bulldog Drummond." The hit of the show was the "Short" with Charles Ruggles. (Will some kind management kindly give us "Charley's Aunt"; Ruggles is a scream in it) "I learnt about wimmen from 'im." Did others take notes as I did? Screamingly funny and SO much to the point, and also SO much truth. (Central).



Janet Gaynor.

Who Came Back" in which she again stars with her boy friend, Charles Farrell. There is certainly no accounting for the public taste. They want this type of play here, and the managers KNOW the Hong Kong public. It is as well they do. (Queen's).

"Madam Satan," slow-moving tale of humdrum wife who "goes wicked" to win back erring husband from fascinating Cabaret girl. Clash, then victory, aboard a Zeppelin which is wrecked in well-faked scenes. Unbelievable story. Kay Johnson, Reginald Denny, Lillian Roth, not forgetting the maid—(who strongly advises her mistress in song how to keep her husband's love—did not know maids did this sort of thing, but it is a pretty song anyhow). All sing at intervals, so it is called Cecil B. de Mille's musical comedy. We are told to expect anything from the wizard who put crystal balls, golden beds, futuristic furniture into our lives, so you will not be disappointed in this exaggerated show. It packed the theatre in Shanghai. Surely that is enough recommendation. Kay Johnson is delightful, especially in her broken French accent. She vamps, struts in true mannequin style to show off her lovely figure and gown. Lillian Roth does her best, but after seeing her in this I do not wonder she went back to vaudeville. Denny looks handsome; tries his best to make us think he thinks it a good story. Badly wants a hair cut at the fancy dress ball, but as he was an old-time British woodman perhaps they did not use barbers. Roland Young, whom you will be pleased to hear is British, does the best bit of acting. When I saw it there were quite a few parts where the Censor could have done his stuff. I am quite of the opinion that every one will want to see this extravaganza. Dancing, singing beautiful women; great finale; parachute descent from the wrecked airship; fade-out with kiss. Yes—all the formula that will lead to packed houses and I will be the lone one who thinks it would be impossible to write a more absurd story. (Queen's).

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

Garry Cooper and Clara Bow are to be co-starred. Did you know that they were once engaged to



Clara Bow.

marry? That was when they acted in "The Children of Divorce" together.

Tallulah Bankhead, the playmate of Britain's aristocracy, and the idol of its servant girls, is going to be a riot in pictures. Now at work with Clive Brook.

It is still the fashion in Hollywood to learn French and Spanish, when 30 many of them could well spend their time in improving their English. Joan Crawford has been over-doing the diet stuff. Had to go to New York for a vacation. Marvellous success in "Paid," a very great actress in Joan. George Bancroft is now asking Paramount

\$150,000 for each picture. His salary hitherto has been \$5,000 a week, and they worked him as often as they liked. He is so popular that he is sure to have his own way now.

Imagine lovely Aileen Pringle in "Westerns." At present on location with Buck Jones.

Mary Astor has had a nervous breakdown. She kept so bravely at work after the tragedy of her husband's death, but nature has taken its toll of over-exertion. Adolphe Menjou refuses to be a star. He speaks German and Spanish as well as his own and our languages. So he has done quite a few foreign versions of his successes.

Bill Haines's antique shop in Hollywood is doing marvellous business. All the stars patronize it.

Reginald Denny has signed a long contract with M-G-M. They are immensely pleased with his work. Just finished "Kiki" with Mary Pickford.

Dorothy Jordan's secret ambition is to play only Shakespeare. Her favourite indoor sport is studying foreign languages.

Helen Chandler is playing op-



Joan Crawford.

posite Ramon Novarro, NOT Miss Jordan.

The small son and heir to the Harold Lloyd millions is doing excellently in the incubator, Mrs. Lloyd is in receipt of hundreds of letters from mothers who have reared successfully their babies the same way.

Lionel Barrymore will don the grease paint once more for M-G-M. He has done so well directing—his first "Madame X" and then "The Rogue Song" were B.O. His "Shipmates" like Ramon Novarro's "Flying Fleet," with Robert Montgomery in the lead, will be made with the aid of America's Navy.

Maria Dressler has taken a vacation in Honolulu. In the last letter I had from her, she had been terribly over-worked, and needed a rest.

Did you know that Marion Davies plays the piano? That Reginald Denny had every intention



Lionel Barrymore.

of being a rubber planter in the Straits when the war broke out, and he at once joined the Flying Corps? Loss to rubber, but the world's gain. He married his first wife in Calcutta, when they were together in the now defunct Dallas Company. That Adolphe Menjou has worn the same dress suit for four years, and yet he is always so perfectly tailored? By the bye he is to do "The Great Lover," another of the type of "The Concert," both played on the stage by Leo Dietrichstein.

Louis Mann, whom we shall see here shortly in "Sins of the Children," has just died. Over fifty years on the American stage.

Whether her new teeth are ready or not Polly Moran will play with Marion Davies in "It's a Wise Child."



Buster Keaton.

Buster Keaton and Cliff Edwards are doing gramophone records, which are not for sale, only for their friends. Cliff singing—and he can—and Buster at the uke.

Victor McLaglen and Edmund Lowe are to be teamed once more in a forthcoming production, "Women of All Nations," which will carry the picturesque pair through civilian adventures. El Brendel and Greta Nissen are in the supporting cast and Raoul Walsh is the director. Spencer Tracy will be featured in "Skyline," a new picture by George and Ira Gershwin and Guy Bolton, when he completes his role in "Six Cylinder Love."

"HEALTHIEST MAN."

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN LONDON CHARACTER.

ONE MEAL A DAY.

One of the best-known characters in London, Mr. Morgan Davis, has died suddenly. He was aged sixty-four, and was regarded by the thousands who were acquainted with him as the hardest and fittest man of his years in the country.

He never wore underclothing, and on the coldest day he could be seen in his West End chemist shop without either coat or waistcoat.

It was his habit to live on one meal a day, but his food was always carefully selected, all starchy items being omitted.

With his sole meal he drank a pint of draught beer, but the only other liquid he permitted himself was tea, of which he swallowed quarts.

It was his own statement that he kept well because he worked at least sixteen hours of every twenty-four, but it was only on infrequent occasions that he slept for longer than five hours.

He was the inventor of a combination of salts which had to be taken with a pint of warm water, and also of a massage cream, the basis of which is iodine.

But he was chiefly celebrated for the way he gave massage, his customers for this including members of the Royal Family, and such famous athletes as Jack Hobbs and Don Bradman, the cricketers, and C. Read, the rackets champion.

Mr. Davis was very proud of the condition of his skin, which resembled that of a schoolgirl, but his disease was dirt, and that no one had the right to die until he had passed the nineties.

It was another of his beliefs that at sixty a man was in his prime, and that much of his youthfulness should have been retained.

He could not himself remember when he had a holiday, and he was always scornful of those who claimed that with increasing years less work should be done, and that the heart should be more carefully protected.

His view was that the heart needed the same treatment as a muscle, and that this could only be obtained by more or less violent exercise.

Gloria Swanson and United Artists, feeling the pulse of the public, have decided to put Swanson in no more fast moving comedies, but to present her in dramatic and powerful stories, as that seems the sort of thing her public demands. Her next story is by De Sylva, Brown and Henderson, with the music end of it soft pedaled, and plenty of heavy dramatics for the pulchritudinous Gloria.

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COLONY'S FINANCE.

VOTE FOR STUDY LEAVE
EXPLAINED.

SPECIAL HOME TRAINING.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee yesterday, votes totalling \$14,691 were approved. One item of \$1,091 was explained at some length by the Colonial Secretary.

In the Estimates the vote was set down as to provide fees not exceeding \$50 to enable Mr. L. G. Morgan, science master in the Education Department, to attend an advanced course in education at the London Day Training College. It was added that this would enhance the value of Mr. Morgan's services to the Colony. On his part, he would contribute half the leave for which he was normally eligible.

Valuable Course.
Mr. Hallifax said these courses had been strongly recommended at the Colonial Conference. He read an extract from the report of the Conference, which urged that the scheme for study leave should not be confined to opportunities for special work at home, but should also provide for visiting other Colonial territories. Whilst study leave was obviously applicable to professional and technical officers, it was hoped that valuable opportunities also existed under the scheme for Administrative Officers to acquire added knowledge.

Special Vote Necessary.
The Colonial Secretary added that Hong Kong had accepted the principles generally for some time. It was now intended to give them a wider application. There happened to be no vote for the present purpose in the Education Department, and so a special vote was required. The candidate was one to whom it was well worth while to grant the facility.

Answering the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson the Colonial Secretary said that a candidate could be sent anywhere for his particular studies.

THREE STOWAWAYS.

In the Kowloon Police Court today three Filipino stowaways, Filimon Balanag, (16), Ruttillo Cefer (21), and Aurilio Tapia (20), were remanded to Monday pending their being taken back to Cebu.

They admitted stowing away on the s.s. Invincible from that port and remained undiscovered for two days. Two of the men hid in the magazine and one in the storeroom. As the officer went the rounds of the ship, they moved their hiding place in his wake.

PRISON REVOLT.

PREARRANGED ATTACK ON
WARDERS.

DOOMED TO FAILURE.

Joliet, Yesterday.
Later details of yesterday's rioting show that the insurrection was the culminating point of a week's stifled rebellion.

The trouble originated in the chair factory, where 180 convicts, as if by a prearranged signal, attacked the warders. Nearly all the 1,800 prisoners then joined in, and rushed madly about the prison yard, setting fire to the work-shops and dining halls.

The riot was doomed to failure, owing to the special precautions which had been taken, but it was not until three convicts had been badly wounded with rifle fire that the prisoners returned to the cells.

Four companies of the National Guard were picked inside the prison: all night long—Reuter's American Service.

RIOTOUS SCENES.

COLOGNE "REDS" RUSH CITY
HALL.

POLICE OPEN FIRE.

Cologne, Yesterday.
Riotous scenes occurred in Düsseldorf last night, when a crowd of Communist attacked the city hall and attempted to force their way in to a meeting of the City Council.

The police opened fire, and seven civilians were seriously wounded. One Communist has died of his wounds. A number of persons were slightly hurt.

Four policemen were injured with stones.—Reuter.

SPANISH "MARTYR."

COUNTRY ANGRY OVER HIS
SENTENCE.

POPULATION AGOG.

Madrid, Yesterday.
Unrestrained indignation over the death sentence passed on Captain Sediles has resulted in Captain Domingo being clapped into gaol for four or six months.

The incident is symptomatic of the public feeling that "somebody blundered" in connection with the trial and with the announcement of the sentence in the newspapers, notwithstanding the censorship. There is white hot excitement everywhere and the whole population is agog.

The court-martial of General

MR D. DAVIES.

COMPLETES 17 YEARS IN THE
SERVICE.

SANITARY BOARD WORK.

To-day congratulations will be offered to Mr. David Davies, Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Office, who completes 17 years in Government service.

Mr. Davies, who is an A.R.S.I., received his first appointment with the Government on March 20, 1914, as second class Sanitary Inspector and arrived in the Colony on April 23 of the same year.

He was seconded for military service on May 6, 1917 and was away with the colours until May 1, 1920. On October 15, 1920, Mr. Davies received promotion to first class Sanitary Inspector, and the following year, on June 13, was appointed Storekeeper.

Less than two years later, on January 1, 1923, he was appointed First Clerk and Assistant Secretary, Sanitary Board, and from May 10 of that year to October 28, 1925 he filled the post of Secretary, Sanitary Board on five occasions during the absence of the then Secretary.

On return from leave (August 6 to October 29, 1926) Mr. Davies returned to his duties with the Sanitary Board until January 1, 1927, when he was appointed to Class I of the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff, and became Secretary of the Sanitary Board.

His present appointment as Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Office, was made on January 16, 1928.

As a Freemason Mr. Davies is an officer of the Hong Kong and South China District Grand Lodge, E.C.

AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

In a communication from the Chancery of the Order, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London, and dated February 17, the Assistant Commissioner has been informed that, at a meeting of the Council of the Grand Priory in the British Realm of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, Dr. William Brownlow Ashe Moore has been nominated for the rank of Serving Brother and Mr. Chak Tai-kwong for the rank of Associate Serving Brother.

Dr. Moore's Association dates back to 1906, and Mrs. Chak's to 1916.

Burgeate and Ex-Minister Zamora, signatories to the Republican manifesto of December, has been fixed for the 20th inst., but may have to be postponed as both of the accused are ill.—Reuter.

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